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"NERVES." EUROPEAN SWINDLER SCARE SHOP PEOPLE JUMPY.

Mild Panic In A Queen's Road Store.

Following the successful "ringing the changes" swindles effected by a European in Hongkong, local shop people are becoming quite "nervy."

Defrauded on Christmas Day of \$50 by a European who "rang the changes" with a \$100 note, the Tabqueria Filipina staff, of No. 38, Queen's Road Central, raced one another towards the Central Market to identify a man whom they were told was the possible culprit.

Further down, at No. 103, Queen's Road Central, are Ty Shing, storekeepers, who, this morning, were favoured by a call from a European who asked for two bottles of malt extract. He was told that the price was \$2.70.

It is agreed that he handed a note over. The accountant handed back \$2.80 in change but the customer maintained that he had paid over \$10. During the subsequent dispute, Tabqueria Filipina were informed, by telephone, that a man, possibly the person who had spirited away \$50 from them, was at Ty Shing. Hence the race between about ten long-gowned tobacco assistants.

They were fated to disappointment. There was no doubt that the storekeeper's customer was not their "customer."

On inquiry at Ty Shing, a

BACK TO FOLD. GANDHI OUTLINES NEW SWARAJ SCHEME.

SIGNS OF UNREST.
(Reuter's Service.)

BELGAUM, Dec. 26.
The Committee of the Indian National Congress, by 160 yeas to 19, approved the pact between Gandhi and the Swarajists, suspending non-co-operation and allowing the Swarajists to represent the congress in the legislatures. It also adopted a measure for spinning 2,000 yards of yarn monthly as congress has a franchise. Gandhi urged all Indians to take to spinning cloth as the only alternative to violence. The Committee rejected the motion, defining the Swaraj as self-government within the Empire.

In a presidential address to the Congress, Gandhi outlined a rough scheme for the Swaraj, embodying the retention of the British connection, provided on perfectly honourable and equal terms. He declared he would not hesitate to sever his connection if Britain showed despite declarations to the contrary she meant subjugation.

Gandhi condemned both the murder of the Sirdar and the British claim on Egypt.

Cry of Islam.

The Khilafat Conference passed a resolution, describing the British action in Egypt as outrageous and welcoming the success of the Rifis in Morocco and stating that British and French support of the Spaniards would be regarded as hostility towards Islam.

Non-Co-operation Condemned.

A Lucknow message states that at the opening of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. Paranjpye, former Minister to the Bombay Government, condemned non-co-operation and the Swarajists for retarding progress under the reform act. He repeated the Federation's demand for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the reforms, demanded that 25 per cent of the commissions in the Army be given to Indians the proportion increasing by 3% annually, so at the end of 25 years all officers would be Indians.

DAMAGED PROPELLER. S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM" AT PORT SAID.

(Reuter's Service.)

PORT SAID, December 26.
The British steamer "City of Durham," bound from Hankow to London, has damaged her propeller while passing through the Suez Canal. It is not likely that the delay will be long, as the damage probably is not serious.

LINK WITH PAST.

Served East India
Company.

DEATH OF MR. HYNDMAN.

An interesting Hongkong figure who is said to have served the East India Company, like his father before him, passed away in Macao yesterday evening in the person of Mr. H. Hyndman, Sr., at the ripe old age of 98.

Mr. Hyndman was well-known to the older residents of the Colony, having been in the employ of a very old firm in Hongkong for years.

Those who were well acquainted with him recall many interesting incidents in his life which must have been full of reminiscences of historic interest.

Mr. Hyndman was also, at one time, teacher of Commercial English in Macao. He resided there during the last few years after retirement from active work.

Mr. Hyndman leaves a very large family to mourn his loss. His two surviving sons are Mr. H. Hyndman, Jr., of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., and Mr. P. Hyndman of Shanghai. He also leaves three daughters, one of them, Mrs. Grace, married. There are many grandchildren.

XMAS MAIL.

ARRIVING THIS EVENING.

PARCELS MONDAY.

Huge Task Before Post Office.

The Xmas mail that the s.s. "Kalyan" will bring should be in the hands of the Parcel Department by five o'clock if all goes well. Receipts will be sent out first thing on Monday morning.

A "China Mail" representative who was given this information this morning by Mr. F. H. Holdman, the supervisor, remarked that considering each parcel had to be dealt with by hand and that there were in this instance over two thousand three hundred of them the public would receive the receipts in very quick time.

"A large staff is needed to cope with such a batch, is it not?" the reporter queried.

"There are, as a matter of fact, only nine of us," was Mr. Holdman's reply, "and of these, six write the receipts and address the envelopes. One has to see that the number of parcels in the sacks is as it is stated to be; and then the parcels have to be examined to see whether they are intact as we are liable unless we send the verification as soon as the delivery is made."

In answer to a question as to whether the number of parcels to be brought by the "Kalyan" would be a record one, Mr. Holdman said that it would be difficult to say but it was some hundreds more than that brought by the "Macedonia" this year, and the "Kashgar" and "Macedonia" last year.

With the aid of pencil and paper, Mr. Holdman then gave the following interesting comparisons.

Parcels brought on the occasion of last year's two Xmas mails amounted to 3,528 of which 800 were insured and the batch brought by the "Kalyan" would bring this year's total to 3,918 of which 932 were insured.

The "Macedonia" last year brought 1,839 and this year 1,599; the "Kashgar" last year 1,689, the "Kalyan" this year being due to bring 2,319.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SCOTLAND WIN AGAINST
ENGLAND.

[BY "DUTCHIE"]

What must be considered a very disappointing game took place yesterday, when England met Scotland in the first game of the International Charity Cup. The play was not up to standard. The attendance was very poor and the returns in consequence were not as one might have expected for such a worthy cause.

The first half was very tame, but it must be admitted that Scotland were much the quicker on the ball, and showed clever combination. Forsyth scored the first goal for Scotland after Wavish had saved a hot drive from Keys, the former player catching the ball from the rebound from the goal's hands. Within a few minutes, Scotland were two goals up. Forsyth again scoring by getting his head to a nice centre from Mc Kelvie when close in. Eaton was responsible for the English goal in this half, beating Rodgers in a similar manner as Forsyth did for his first goal. Eds was responsible for the shot. Half time score Scotland 2 England 1.

In the second half Bishop had the misfortune to turn the ball into his own goal when hard pressed by Forsyth. This gave Scotland the lead by two clear goals. England tried hard to get on even terms, but Scotland's defence was good and Rodgers was only beaten once, Eaton heading in a fine goal from a pass by Charlesworth.

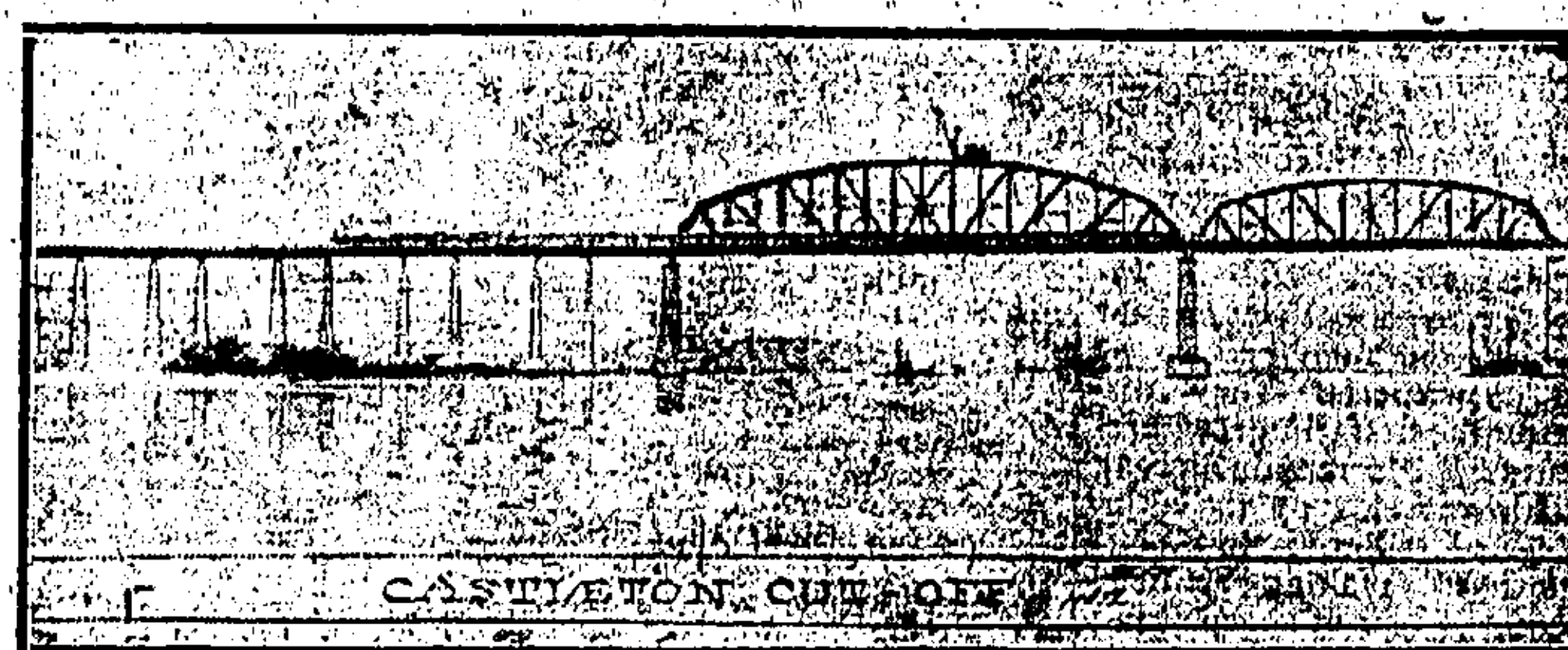
Result—Scotland 3 goals. England 2 goals.
Of the English team, Wynne and Eaton were the only two to show up in anything like their form, the former especially being good. Eaton was prevented from doing much by the fine display of A. Duncan and Hume at left half and left back respectively, who reduced the famous right wing to mere passengers. Jones was a wash-out being too tired to tackle or run. Eds and Howard were also off form. Forsyth was the pick of Scotland's forwards, closely followed by G. Duncan at outside right. McKelvie was not a success at centre forward. As mentioned above, the left defence was exceptionally good, and it seems a pity Hume is not eligible for Interport trials for on his display yesterday he would certainly stand a very good chance.

Teams.
England:—Wavish: Wynne and Bishop: Pether, Wigginton and Brown: Charlesworth Eaton, Jones, Eds and Howard.

Scotland:—Rodger: Gannard and Hume: Blair, Stewart and Duncan: G. Duncan, Forsyth, McKelvie, McBride and Keys.

Referee: Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen, Messrs. J. Clarke and Worby.

\$5,000,000 BRIDGE OPENED FOR TRAFFIC.



The \$5,000,000 Castleton cut-off bridge across the Hudson River, erected by the New York Central Lines about twelve miles south of Albany, New York, has been opened for freight traffic. The bridge will facilitate rapid freight shipments and will relieve the Albany bottle-neck situation, a term applied to thwarted traffic.

CHINA'S POLITICS.

RUMOUR OF FURTHER
INTRIGUES.

SUN YAT-SEN'S NEW HOPES?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 26.

Given for what it is worth, being at the most evidence of further weak propaganda efforts, is a rumour current in Canton for some days that Dr. Sun Yat-sen is attempting to establish an alliance with Feng Yu-hsiang (the Christian General) to overthrow Marshal Tuan Chi-jui, the Chief Executive of the present Peking administration. The rumour is said to have emanated from Hongkong.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's name is also mentioned. It has been hinted that his removal from power is also desired by Dr. Sun Yat-sen who is still marking time at Peking, while other leaders are busy government-making. Reports of Feng's antagonism to Chang Tso-lin have added colour to the story.

COMING BACK?

SUN FO TO RETURN TO
CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 26.

Mr. Sun Fo, son of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and first Mayor of Canton, is reported to have been ordered by his father to return to Canton from Tientsin.

Several months back, Sun junior relinquished his post and proceeded North to interview Marshal Chang Tso-lin (the Mukden warlord) in his father's interests. Now that Dr. Sun is on the spot, his son's services as liaison officer, can be dispensed with.

Those in touch with politics state that Sun Fo has instructions from his father to take an administrative post at Canton.

THE "HEUNG SHAN."

NOT BOUGHT BACK FOR
\$350,000.

STEAMBOAT CO.'S STATEMENT.

That the salvaged "Heungshan" had been purchased back by the Steamboat Co. for \$350,000 was the statement in an apparently inspired article in this morning's vernacular papers.

On inquiry at the offices of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., it was learned, authoritatively, that the company had not purchased the "Heungshan" nor had it made an offer of \$350,000.

Taking great care to explain that after the "Heungshan" ran ashore she was sold to a Mr. Woo Wing-for over \$6,000—and that about \$130,000 had been expended in raising the vessel above water and bringing her back to Hongkong, the article in vernacular papers lays emphasis on the fact that the wreck was in fresh water and that, consequently, the engines are in comparatively good condition.

The "Heungshan" was one of the best-known of the Steamboat Co.'s fleet. Her present owners once stated that they would save the ship, effect the necessary repairs and enter the same run.

"PRESIDENT GRANT."

VESSEL SAILING TO-
MORROW NIGHT.

The s.s. "President Grant" will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at midnight tomorrow—Sunday, December 28, and not at 10 a.m., on December 29 as originally scheduled.

The Shanghai office of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., has recently compiled a list of Cotton mills in China. The list, which is in English, gives date of erection, location, capacity, of owner, capital, amount of spinning and weaving machinery and makes of power plants. Details of machinery are included.

THE MACAO TRIP.

PIRATES NO LONGER
FEARED.

CHUEN CHOW'S LATER
SAILINGS.

Little significance may be attached to a change in the hour of departure from Hongkong to Macao, every afternoon (Sundays excepted), of the steamer "Chuen Chow." For years she left Hongkong at 5 p.m., but after the "Sui An" piracy, the hour was changed to 4 p.m. According to an announcement in the Chinese papers, she will shortly revert to the later hour.

When the change was made the public inferred that it was the result of advice from the departments responsible for administering the Piracy Prevention Ordinance. As passenger vessels leaving Hongkong for river ports have now been immune from piratical attacks for some months, it is supposed that the later hour has been sanctioned by these departments.

By leaving at four o'clock the "Chuen Chow" would possibly be in sight of the Steamboat Co.'s two vessels, the "Sui An" and the "Sui Tai," for the best part of the four hours' trip. Both the larger boats arrived at their respective destinations at six o'clock. As the "Chuen Chow" is now to depart at five o'clock, it means that she will be alone for three hours and the decision must have been due to the present sense of security.

Only recently, an improved system of defence and piracy prevention was installed on the "Chuen Chow."

Subsequent to the "Sui An" piracy in the winter of 1922 it was revealed that a considerable portion of the specie, in transit between Hongkong and Macao, was carried by the "Chuen Chow." Captain Jones is the master of the "Chuen Chow."

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A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 5, 1924.

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A. LECOT, Manager.
Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

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Authorized Capital..... £5,000,000
Subscribed Capital..... £2,000,000
Paid-up Capital..... £1,000,000
Reserve Fund..... £1,000,000

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Hongkong, October 1, 1924.

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G. H. STITT, Manager.
Hongkong, 17th Oct., 1924.

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ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close on Saturday, 10th January, 1925, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.

Entry forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead & Davis.
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When Mr. Cox, J.P., chairman of the Desborough, Northants, Urban Council, was asked at a meeting of the council to explain why he did not remove his hat at the Armistice service when the National Anthem was being sung, he said he acted according to his conscience. He did not wish to catch cold, and "put first things first."

German Carrier.
At a meeting of the Dugannon, Tyrone, Guardians the clerk said that after a dinner at Belfast to a Lisburn, Antrim, football team 23 people developed typhoid fever and four died. It was discovered that the cook was a carrier of infection. A Lisburn woman went to Bovain and infected six members of a family, three of whom died in Dugannon Hospital.

The Bustle Again.
The bustle, which formed a feature of women's attire in the mid-Victorian period, appears to be coming back to favour and is being sold in Paris shops.

It would seem that for evening frocks the slim, slight ideal of the female form is giving place to curves, and so the neat light bustle of fine steel wire is being used to help in development.

"We are selling many back bustles," said a saleswoman.

The Money-Box Dog.

Roy, the money-box dog, which has for seven years past been a public favourite at Euston railway station, has retired after collecting in about six years £3,101 11s. 11d. for the London Midland and Scottish Railway Benevolent Fund. Roy has gone to the house of one of the L.M.S. staff, who will look after him in his declining years, and is succeeded by Rags, a Smithfield sheep-dog.

Pantomime Songs.

The pantomime songs of the year are already beginning to appear. Among the most popular published by Messrs. Keith Prowse and Co., Ltd., 42, Poland-street, London, W., is "Why did I Kiss that Girl?" which every lad is humming or whistling. It will be heard at practically all the pantomimes. A good second is "Oh, Eva!" a comedy fox-trot song by Messrs. Clark and Leslie, with music by Harry Warren. A third tuneable production (from the same publishers) by Harry Voell, with music by Billy Hull, is "Rock-a-bye, My Baby, Blues"—a fascinating plantation lullaby.

Doctor Shot Dead.

The dead body of Dr. William Trehwella St. Stephens, of Mon Repos, Paignton, Devon, was found huddled up on a seat in a shelter on Preston (Fresno), Paignton, with a bullet wound in the head. The discovery was made by a young motor mechanic and a young woman. They had entered the shelter and noticed crouched on the end of the seat that they took to be a drunken man. They gave no further thought to the matter until, about three-quarters of an hour later, when the young man went up to the motionless form. He was horrified to see a large pool of blood on the floor of the shelter. The police were called and the body was taken to the mortuary.

Rance at School.

Rance is the small Indian elephant presented to the London Zoo by the Prince of Wales, and the authorities consider that it is high time she started to earn her living by carrying children. This means a preliminary schooling, and the other day she was roped to the big passenger "liner" Indarini and was led to the open space in front of the refreshment rooms. A double girth of ropes had been placed round her circumference and a rope "hobble" joined her two hind legs so that she should not run away at any speed. Syed Ali, the expert elephant hunter and trainer who reformed Indarini herself when she went on strike a year or two ago, then clambered on Rance's back. Rance tried to get away, but the great docile Indarini checked her and gave her a compelling nudge when she heeded. Once Rance came down on her knees, and Syed Ali had her to hold on to the rope rigging. Other keepers gave her persuasive bangs with sticks, and gradually the pupil began to see reason and lost much of her nervousness.

LILE BLETTERS.

MISS TICHBORNE AGAIN IN COURT.

London, November 22.—Theresa Mary Agnes Doughty Tichborne, 57, of Paulston-square, Chelsea, appeared at Bow-street Police Court to answer a summons, issued at the instance of Sir Joseph Henry Bernard Doughty Tichborne, Bart., calling upon her to show cause why she should not be ordered to find sureties for her good behaviour. The summons alleged that Miss Tichborne had published defamatory libels concerning Sir Joseph calculated to cause a breach of the peace. Mr. Travers Humphreys, for Sir Joseph Tichborne, said that Miss Tichborne was the daughter of Arthur Orton.

Miss Tichborne: That is a mistake. I am the daughter of Sir Roger Tichborne.

Mr. Travers Humphreys referred to the claim made by Orton to the Tichborne estates and his conviction for perjury.

Mr. Humphreys read a letter, dated September 15, addressed to Sir Joseph as "Cousin Joseph," which stated:

The other day I was told to use the information as I thought it that on March 28, 1922, you and Denise (Lady Tichborne) were in a gambling raid at Sadler's-place, George-street, Hanover-square; that you spent the night at Vine-street, and both of you signed false names in the police book. For this I am told you were and are liable to from three to six months' imprisonment. Is that true?

Postcard Threat.

On October 20 she wrote that she was going to send postcards to all the hotels and restaurants. Sir Joseph went to the gambling places and night clubs, Ciro's, the Embassy, hotels and shops, and the police. She was going to write on the postcards: "My cousin and I not being able to agree on family matters, I have bought a little cane, and I am looking forward to spanking him. One pound reward to the first person who can tell me where I can find him."

A letter of October 24 said: "If you will allow me sufficient to live on and settle up at once within the next few days I will leave you alone in the future."

Sir Joseph Tichborne, in the witness-box, said he had never spoken to Miss Tichborne in his life.

The magistrate bound her over in her own recognisances in £200 and ordered her to find two sureties in £100 each to keep the peace for twelve months or under six months' imprisonment. She was refused bail pending the finding of the sureties.



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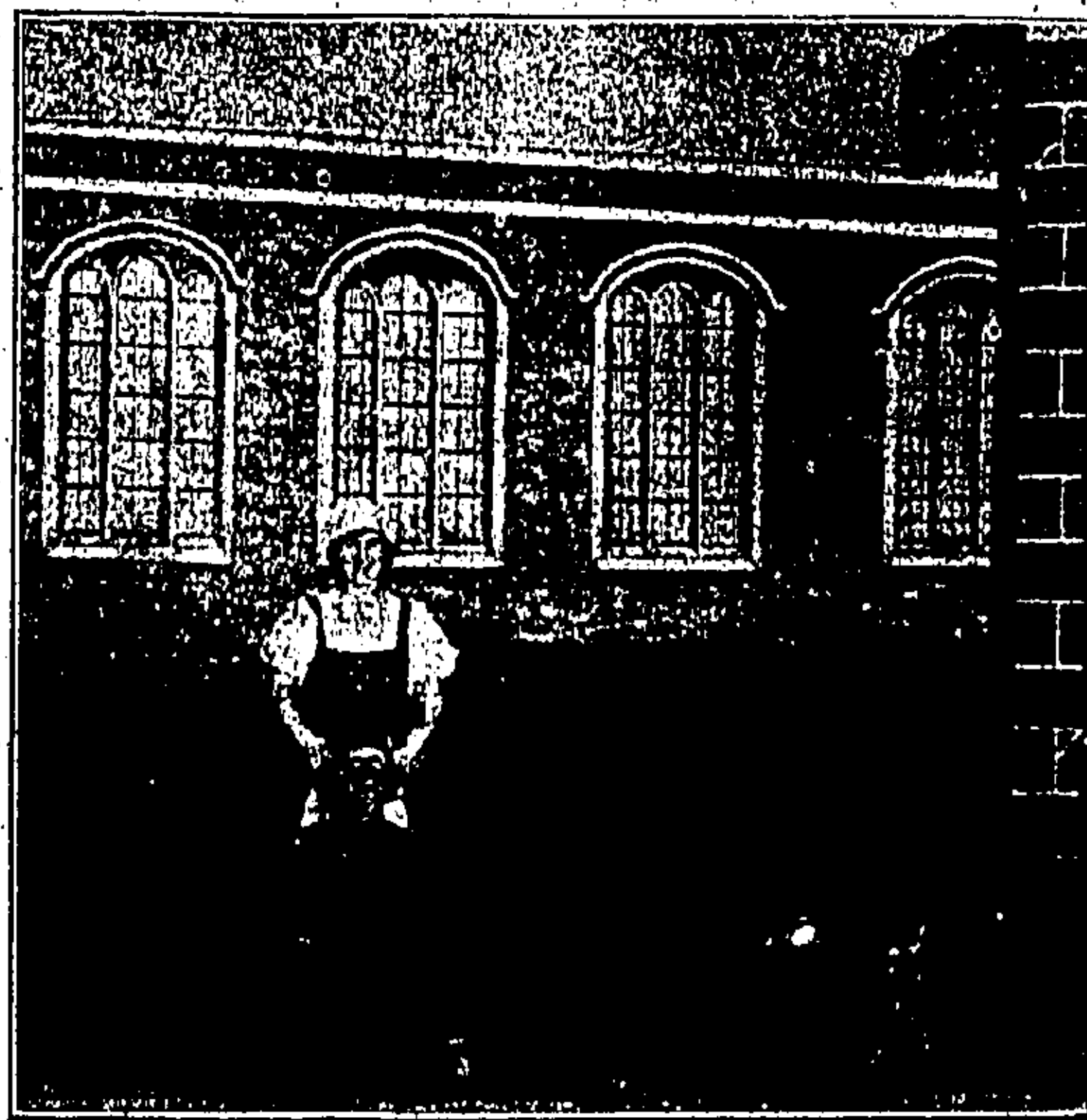
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"FAIRFAX" SEES WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

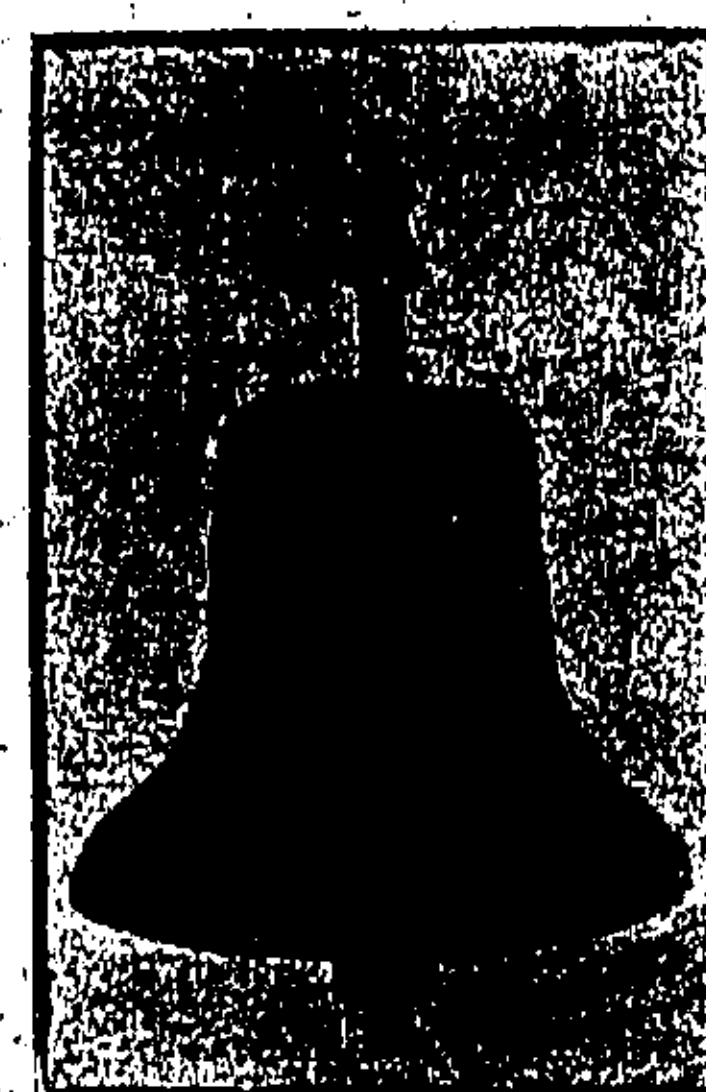
(Photo by Ming Yuen.)

News of the escape of "Fairfax" (Mr. D. M. Richards) has just been brought. The prisoner, disguised as a warder, is mystified as to why Elsie (Mrs. S. Collet) whom he looks upon as a disinterested person should faint on learning the news.—One of the most striking scenes in the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's presentation of "The Yeoman of the Guard."

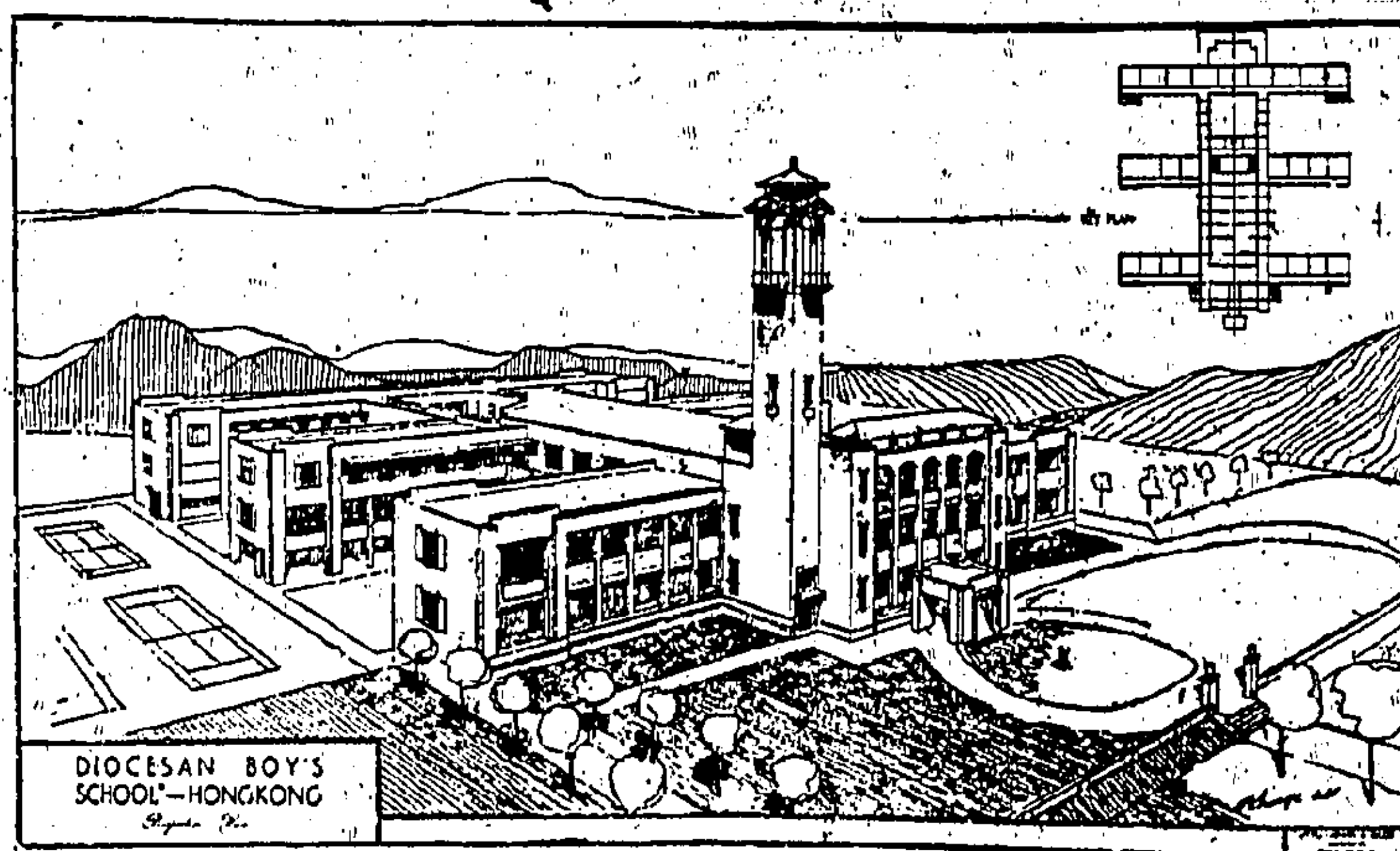
"I'M NOT THY BRIDE."

(Photo by Ming Yuen.)

Wilfred (Mr. G. D. Leys) gets a rude awakening. Mrs. D. Reid invested the part of Phoebe with charm and vivacity. Her acting and singing was a notable feature of the Philharmonic's latest venture.

"Cutty Sark's" Bell.

Apart from the fact that it was used on her most notable passages, there is an interesting story attached to the original bell of the "Cutty Sark." When that famous ship was under the Portuguese flag a British officer secured the bell, and her then owners obtained that of the Liverpool ship Shakespeare to replace it. On her return to British registry the bell was restored to the "Cutty Sark," which now, both in rig and equipment, is exactly as she left the builder's yard.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

(Photo by Ming Yuen.)

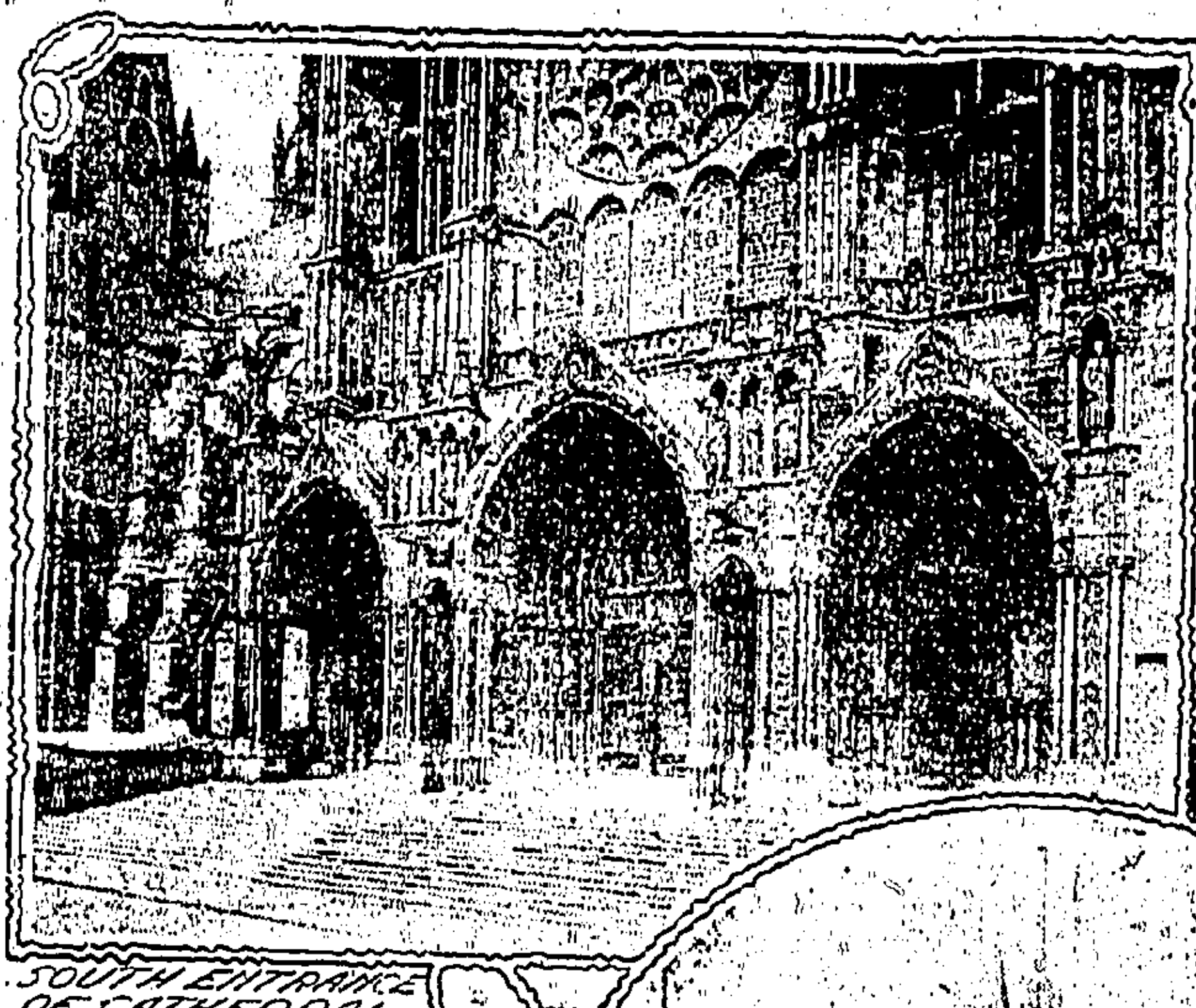
The work of the Diocesan Boys' School is still being carried on at their buildings in Bonham Road but a move is to be made to Homuntin (near Yau-mutai Railway Station) where these buildings are in course of erection.

"WHEN A JESTER IS OUTWITTED."

(Photo by Ming Yuen.)

The great finale scene—the finest song said (and that is saying a good deal) in the whole production with which the Philharmonic delighted Hongkong. Jack Point (Mr. J. S. Gillingham) falls at the feet of the re-united (and wedded) lovers.

The Cathedral of Chartres



SOUTH ENTRANCE OF CATHEDRAL

Modern art has not been able to find the secret of such marvelous stained glass. The windows in this church, made in the 12th century, are, as our poet Lowell says: "The pride of France."

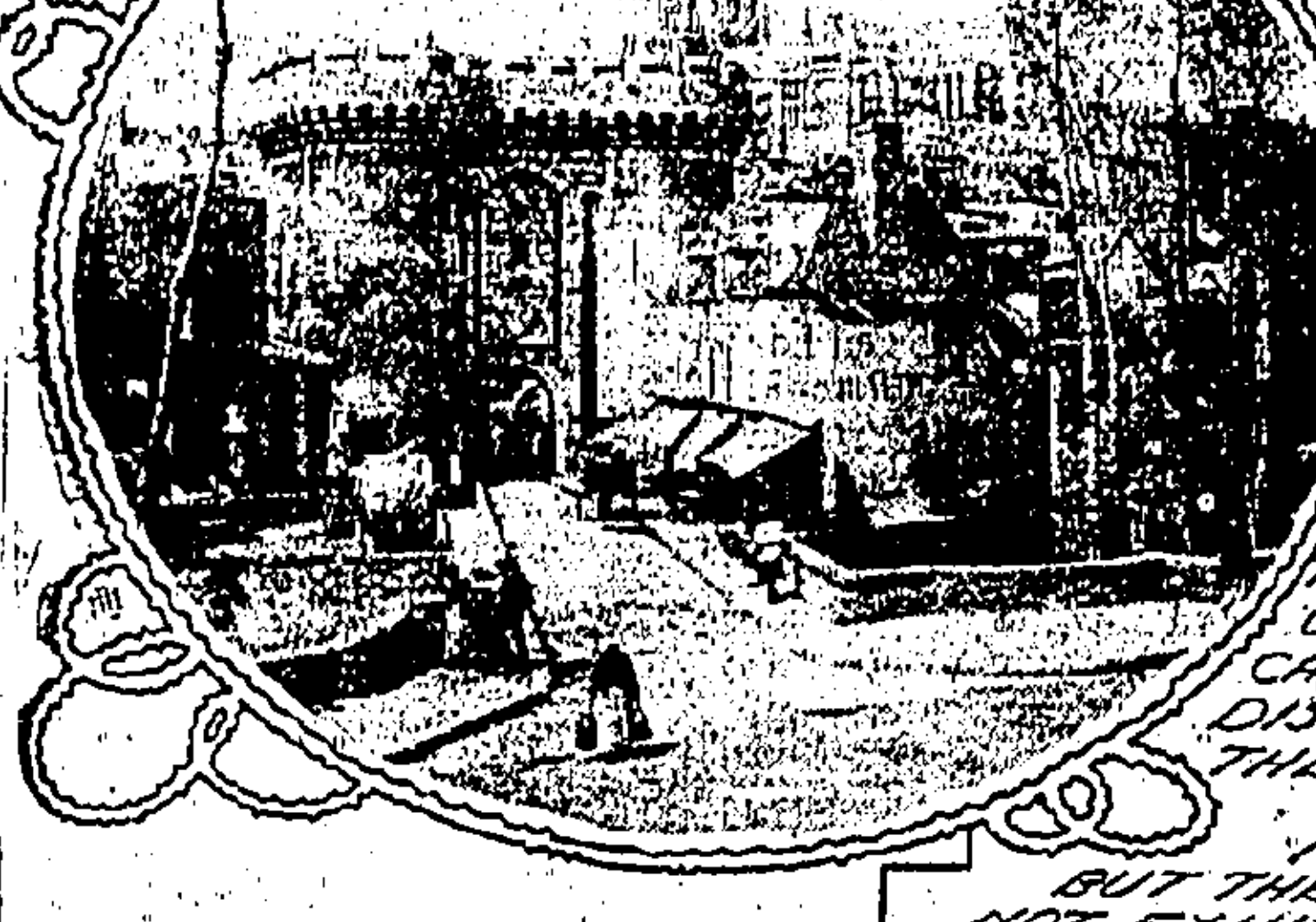
Each the bright gift of some mechanic Guild Who loved the city and thought gold well spent To make her beautiful with piety."

Chartres is, and has always been, the shrine of the Maiden Mother. Even the Druids, perhaps hearing some echo of Isaiah's prophecy, built on this spot an altar to her whose child should be the helper of humanity, the maiden in whose arms the Christ should rest.

[By LILIAN HAYDEN HESTON.]

Vast forests once covered this great plain of La Beauce, out of which the great cathedral lifts its spires. The dim aisles of those dark woods, through which solemn processions of chanting Druid priests moved slowly, have given place to waving fields of grain. This is today the granary of France, a sunlit, shieldless, treeless, waterless region.

The city of Chartres was long the most important town of France, and it was there that the people's idol, good Saint-Vincent, was crowned. Little Mary Stuart, brought up at the court of France, was brought here in the night, and to worship in the vast cathedral when she was but six years old and again by the king and queen



A SMALL PORTION OF THE EXQUISITE CARVING OF THE CHOIR

GATE WILLIAM, ONE OF THE GATES OF THE FORMER WALL OF CHARTRES, CATHEDRAL IN DISTANCE—THE GATES HAVE BEEN PRESERVED BUT THE WALL DOES NOT EXIST TODAY

when she was the cure-free bride of the young Dauphin, who was, alas, so soon to sicken and die. The tragedy of her life and death might perhaps have been averted had she remained in the country, she so passionately loved.

History Of The Cathedral. It was in the time of Constantine that Gallic churches were first free from persecution. Before this time many had been built on this site but had been destroyed. During his reign a large cathedral was built here but it was destroyed in 858 by the Normans who came and burnt the town, killing most of the inhabitants. It was rebuilt and again destroyed by the same warlike and devastating force. It was later destroyed by lightning. Early in the eleventh century Fulbert, the Bishop of Chartres, gave his entire fortune to start another building, inspired by his example, the king of the people. Another church on the same

France helped as did also even the Norman Duke Richard, and the Duke of Aquitaine. The entire population of La Beauce, of which Chartres was the capital, contributed and all did whatever manual work they could in the carrying of materials, even to the youngest child. The work was a labour of love; workers refused to accept wages. The crypt is all that remains of that toil. "Fire again was the agent of destruction."

The people, nothing daunted, began again and the present cathedral was built in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. There were at that time powerful unions or guilds of different workers, much as at the present day. These guilds were very rich and prominent and gave large sums of money to all good enterprises. They took it upon themselves to present the new cathedral with stained-glass windows and it is these

which to-day are the envy and admiration of the world. There were 175 of them but some few were destroyed in the time of the French Revolution. There are three immense so-called rose windows more than forty feet in diameter, thirty-five medium-sized and twelve smaller ones of this same kind and about a hundred other windows. In them is told all the Bible history, both of the old and the new Testament.

The present church was formally dedicated to the Virgin Mary at the request of the king, the pious St. Louis, by the Bishop of Chartres, in 1250. Various parts of the building were finished and added later. Its name was definitely fixed as "Our Lady of Chartres." The spires are different in design, the older one being much simpler and more beautiful in its proportions. The more modern one is twenty-five feet taller. It was built in 1514 by Louis XII.



CATHEDRAL OF CHARTRES



TOWER STAIRCASE OF QUEEN BERTHE

Interior Of The Church.

The hundreds of statues, seen to have distinct individuality and may have been portraits of known people. They represent kings and queens of France, as well as saints and prophets. Then, too, there are numerous groups to represent different crafts and agricultural pursuits. Spirited bands of men symbolic of the virtues contend with others trying the vices. Sin is seen being worsted by triumphant goodness. Liberty, honour, memory, joy, are all to be seen, personified. On the shields of victorious figures are seen the words: courage, purity, friendship, innocence. The teachings everywhere are the triumph of goodness over evil. We see represented here the bravery of soldiers, the devotion of servants, the responsibility of rulers, the loyalty of subjects. All human life is shown before us and was supposed to be a book in which the bookless people of that time could learn.

There are fifty great columns to support the arcades of the choir transept and nave, and their capitals are elaborately carved with faithful representations of local fruits and leaves and flowers. This was the beginning of the attempt to produce objects familiar to the workman, in Gothic art. The very fact that workmen were shown at their benches and in the fields proclaims that

here was a church where the common man might feel at home. So strong is the impression of holiness and spiritual elevation that even the ruthless soldier, Napoleon I, said in the cathedral of Chartres, "No one could remain an atheist in this building."

The Stairway Of Queen Berthe. In France are very many old outdoor stairways, often of stone richly carved, and sometimes of carved wood laid in cement. In Chartres is a picturesque old stairway of the latter sort, known as the stairway of Queen Berthe, mainly because that queen lived many years in the city in the neighbourhood of this old building. Whether she lived in this same house and went up and down this stairway is a question. The most beautiful of these outside stairways is that at the great chateau of Chambord on the Loire, and is of most elaborately carved stone. These stairs were often built in an angle and from their landings opened doors to various galleries and halls. In many ways these stairs were convenient as old houses had floors at different levels, some of the rooms being a few feet above others, and from these stairs it was easy by mounting a few steps to enter these different levels.

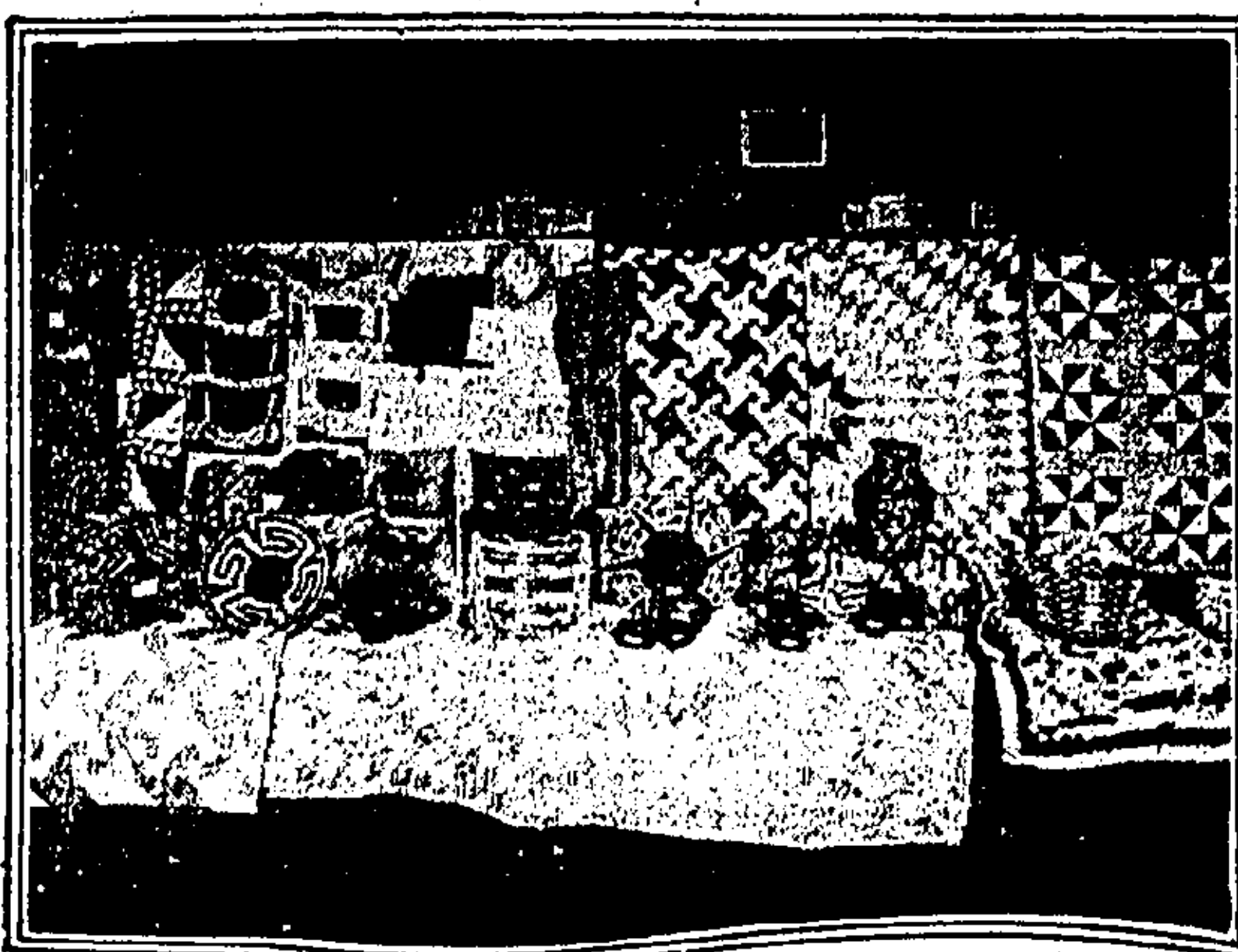
Pestilence And Famine. In addition to almost innumerable sieges by hostile armies of many countries Chartres suffered terribly by pestilences which swept the town and

left few alive to tell the tale. In olden times sanitary precautions were nonexistent and skillful doctor scarce indeed. Sickened like wild-fire and could not be stopped till it had worn itself out and claimed all the victims it chose. The "Hundred Years' War" brought untold misery to Chartres, and when King John was taken prisoner to London, his routed soldiers pillaged cities and shut up in their city the inhabitants of Chartres, dooming them to slow starvation. Six months the city was besieged and the end came when the persecuted peasants within rose up against their lords and welcomed even enemies as being kinder. The imprisoned nobles had wrung what was essential for their own comfort from the helpless peasants.

Chartres has ever been a celebrated place of pilgrimage. In a single day in the fifteenth century 152,000 pilgrims are said to have come there. It has been from first to last the Shrine of Our Lady and has famous relics supposed to have belonged to the Virgin Mary. One of the French kings brought them back from the Indian in the crusades. There is a special shrine and statue in the crypt of the church which is supposed to have been there from Druid times.

The world cannot afford to lose these monuments of early ages when religious work of early ages was religious enthusiasm was a very real and vital thing. This last war has taken toll of them, on the most beautiful, and if all-powerful America permits the still more destructive war, what discomfited Europe is even now planning, to take place, those other landmarks of a nation's greatness will be effaced and wiped out of existence.

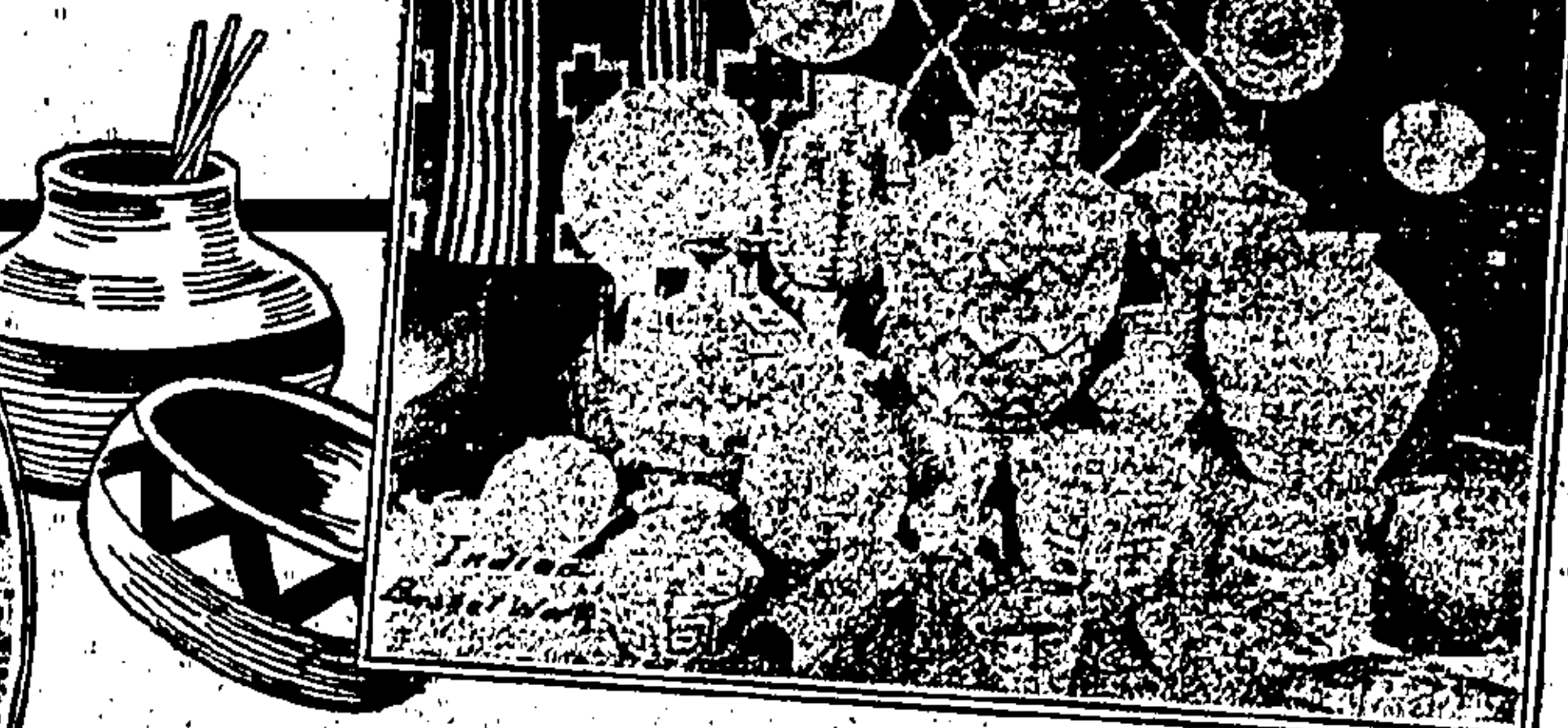
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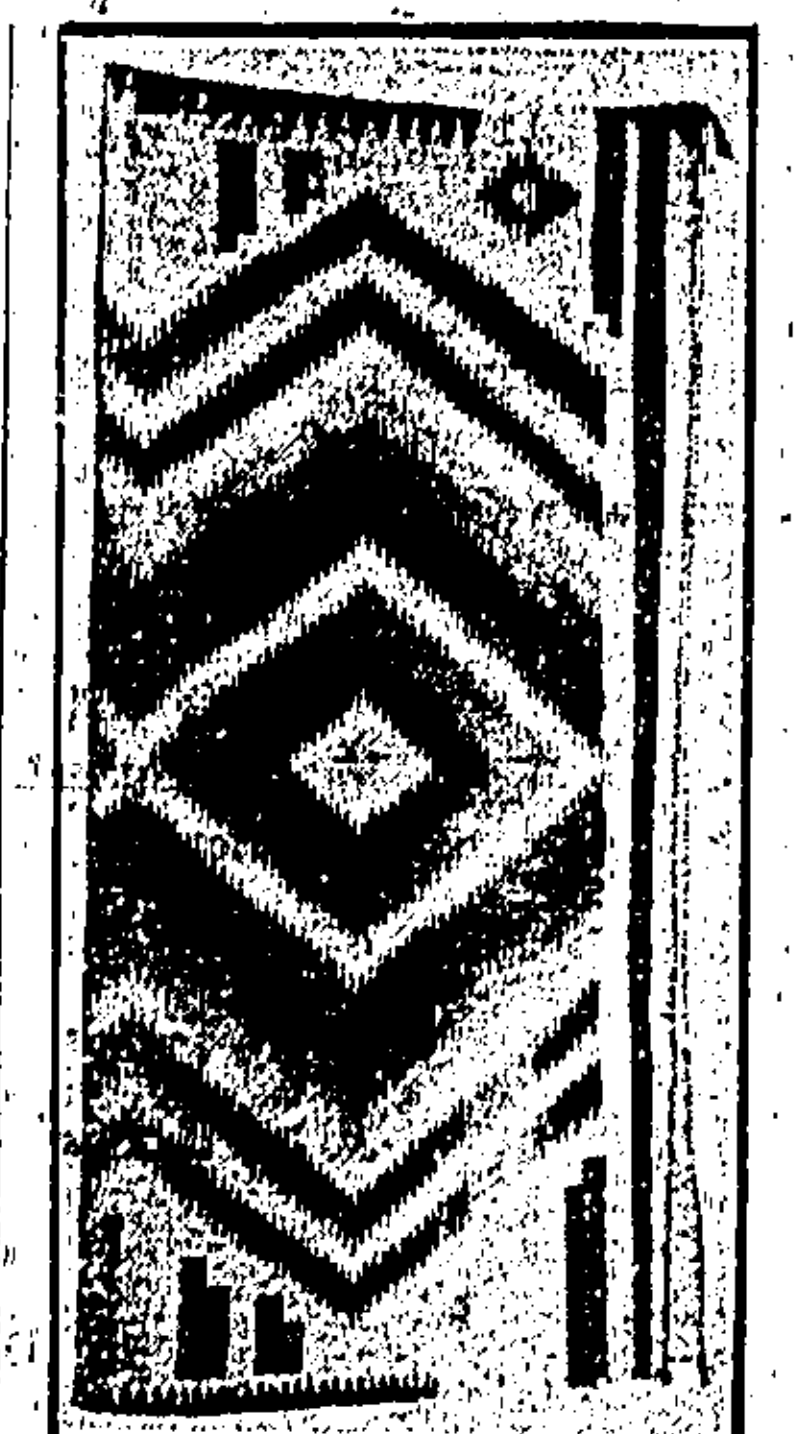
APACHE WOMAN WEAVING A BASKET



INDIAN BASKET WORK



NAVAJO WOMEN WEAVING BLANKETS



A NAVAJO BLANKET (STITCHED BY A NATIVE)

Educational Methods Are Preserving the Best in the Red Man's Art and Craftsmanship—Primitive People Show Great Skill.

[By FRANKLIN JOHNSON.]

Navajo blankets and Indian baskets are in no danger of extinction, but will continue to delight the eye and taste of future generations. The gloomy outlook pictured by some people for these creations of native American art, fail to receive support from the recognized authorities.

The education of the Indians is emphasizing the importance of perpetuating native arts and crafts. The boys and girls of the once savage tribes are being taught to design and make articles of use and beauty. They are being encouraged to study and understand the laws of nature and their practical application. Through productive work in their lessons the pupils receive definite, systematic instruction which enables them to learn the theory

of the study while they are acquiring skill in the performance of the work itself.

Indian Art.

Indian art is one of the most striking survivals of the day when the aborigines were lords of the continent. The manifestation of aesthetic sense among the native tribes was widely varied. In one instance it revealed itself in the weaving of blankets; in another the artists specialized in metal working and sculpture. Elsewhere there was a tendency to specialize in basketry, beadwork, and feathered ornaments of primitive paintings. Among the tribes of the great plains the decorative uses found expression in the adornment of the tent, like dwellings of the people. The skin

tepees of these tribes presented tempting surfaces, and these have always been freely ornamented with heraldic and religious symbols and graphic designs painted in brilliant colours. In the grass lodges of some tribes certain structural features have been emphasized in rhythmic designs which were an adaptation of the art of the basket weaver.

Some of the arts of the primitive Indians have been found well worthy of perpetuation. This is especially true of basketry, rug-making, beadwork, pottery and the making of lace. In these lines the descendants of the primitive American tribes possess a skill which is too good to be lost. Encouragement of the native arts serves the double purpose of giving the Indians a profitable occupation and of developing the individual sense of perception along artistic lines.

The fact that each tribe has its own style of art results in giving a wide range to the output of the Indians of the United States. This diversity and originality may be seen with striking force in the blankets woven by these aboriginal artists. No two blankets are alike.

patterned after the famous sand paintings of the Indians at Shiprock, New Mexico. The execution of these old paintings by the primitive people was at once simple and ingenious. The colour scheme was worked out in stone of varying hues, powdered and applied to the surface of the rugged cliffs. Reproduction of the paintings, from generation to generation, has been achieved in the direction of the older masters of the tribe. These instructors have carried the symbolic designs in their memories and have transmitted them to the younger tribesmen for the sake of perpetuating the art of earlier ages.

In this way the Indian has been enabled to carry from one generation to the next the artistic symbols which are so attractive when wrought into the blankets and baskets woven under the influence of tradition. The perpetuation of this art is considered well worth the attention of the educational

authorities, as a means of preserving for future Americans a faithful record of the art which prevailed on the continent before the advent of the whites.

Pottery Shows Skill. Pottery is another expression of primitive art in which the present generation of Indians is given encouragement. Research has demonstrated that the plastic art was practised with much skill by all the more advanced American tribes in former days. Especially advanced in the Pueblo country of the north-west and in the Mississippi Valley.

Some of the Indian potters have displayed astonishing sense of proportion in the creation of outline, decoration, and finish. The pottery of some of these primitive artists and such examples of primitive pottery are in constant demand at prices which indicate the artistic worth of the product.

The symbolism of the American Indians consists very largely of natural forms, especially of men and animals, and of such natural phenomena as the sun, the stars, lightning, and rain. The use of these symbols is apparently due to the savage belief that they carry with them something of mystic power. This would seem to account for the conspicuous and dominant position occupied by symbolism in the art of the various tribes.

The arts and crafts of the Indians represented an evolution covering many generations. For immediate needs the

Evolution Of Art. Indians gathered practically everything from nature's storehouses. When nature did not meet their demands the tribesmen became manufacturers. With the building of homes came the invention of primitive furniture and household utensils, including vessels to be used for cooking. Such utensils were made of stone, pottery or vegetable material. For the weaving of robes the Red Man used vessels made of clay, basketry bark or hide. Through the demand for these various types of

utensils there came the development of an artisan class which included the tanner, the seamstress, the potter, the woodworker, the painter, the dyer and the stone-cutter. Little invention was required for the baking, roasting and boiling of meats, but there was a demand for utensils and apparatus for obtaining and for transporting food materials. This requirement developed the canoe-maker and the sled-builder, the fabricator of weapons, the maker of ropes and other skilled workers. In this demand for utensils and apparatus, the way the needs of the people brought about the creation of artisans; instinct and self-expression impelled some of the artisans to become artists.

"The American Indian is no longer a savage," declared an official who has played an important part in the administration of the new form of education. "He is a prosperous, progressive and industrious person. No better idea of this development can be obtained than through the Indian fair held at frequent intervals. These exhibitions are held on the various reservations to create rivalry in modern achievement. The Indians are encouraged to make exhibits at fairs held by the general population. This brings the red race into competition with its white neighbours and has proved to be an excellent stimulus. The future of Indian arts and crafts was never as bright as it is at the present time. There is no danger of their being lost. They have become a permanent feature of American life, and one that will benefit the entire nation."

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DEATH.

HYNDMAN.—On December 26,
at Macao, H. Hyndman, Sr.,
aged 96 years. Funeral to-
day at 5.30 p.m.

Hongkong, Saturday, Dec. 27, 1924.

XMAS IN JAIL.

Christmas comes but once a
year, and when it comes, it brings
good cheer—but not for the Euro-
pean prisoners in Hongkong's jail.
While the rest of the community
can enjoy such good things as
individual means permit, the luck-
less Europeans in our jail must be
content with the drab fare laid
down in the regulations for every
day. This year, Christmas Day
falling on a Thursday, the Christ-
mas dinner consisted of bread,
soup, and suet pudding. However
"filling" such a meal may be, it
can hardly be called inviting, least
of all during the festive season.
According to Mr. W. W. Franks,
the Superintendent of the Jail,
when he courteously allowed him-
self to be interviewed upon the
subject, the Home Jail regulations
also "omit to provide any special
fare for Christmas Day. Presum-
ably, this is why no privileges are
granted in Hongkong. Everyone
will agree, we think, that without
in any way pandering to those who
are expiating their misdeeds, the
Home example might well be

ignored, so that the spirit of
Christmas could be felt just a
little more within the grim portals
of our jail. Thanks to the efforts
of interested people, there are
some prospects that privileges will
be granted next Christmas.
Owing, it is thought, to the lack
of time to alter the regulations,
the Government felt impelled to
forbid gifts of food this year, but
it raised no objection to presents
of books being made. Conse-
quently, as the Cathedral chap-
lains, with customary human
fellowship, promptly took in hand
the supplying of books, the Euro-
pean prisoners in our jail did not
spend quite such a dreary Christ-
mas after all. The notice was too
short for the chaplains to make
any organized appeal, but we
understand they will be very glad
to receive any books that can be
spared, as the shelves of the jail's
book case sadly need replenishing.
Having taken an interest in the
matter from the very first—we
believe our interview with Mr.
Franks helped to secure this year's
privilege regarding gifts of books
—we shall be only too pleased to
give what further assistance we
can. Accordingly, we commend
the chaplains' appeal to our
readers and invite them to send
us any books they may have to
spare for sending to the jail, where
we have no doubt they will be very
much appreciated, not merely
during the festive season, but
throughout the entire year.

Japan's Peers.

In view of the Japanese Diet
having been formally opened,
according to custom, on December
25, it is of interest to note that
there is a plan on foot to revise
the law of election to the House
of Peers. Committees represent-
ing the Government, the Ken-
sei-Kai, Seiyun-Kai and Kakushin Club
have had the matter under con-
sideration for some time. They
met at the Premier's official resi-
dence in Tokyo, some ten days ago,
to discuss the question of revision.
The representatives of the three
coalition parties asked the
Government delegates to report
particulars of the result of the
Government's investigations and
to introduce a bill in the Diet for
a revision of the law of election
as quickly as possible. The
Government delegates replied that
investigations were still going on
with a view to ascertaining the

general sentiment regarding upper
houses of the legislature in all
countries as well as the special
conditions in Japan, and explained
that some delicate points were still
pending between the Government
and the Privy Council and also the
House of Peers on the question.
Nothing definite was settled at the
meeting, and no particulars of the
discussion have been allowed to
leak out, but doubtless more will
be heard of the matter during the
coming session.

More War Terrors.

On page 9 in this issue appear
the views of Professor Flamm, a
German designer of giant sub-
marine cruisers, which promise to
make the next naval war even
more terrible than the last. The
professor has expounded his views
in the "Marine Rundschau,"
which, it should be noted, is the
official naval organ of the German
Ministry of Defence. Of course,
by the Treaty of Versailles Ger-
many is presumed to have had her
naval claws made innocuous for
all time, but as long as she
possesses bellicose professors of
the type of Professor Oswald
Flamm it is easy to understand
the continual signs of nervousness
voiced in the French Press with
regard to German intentions. A
cable from Paris yesterday show-
ed, however, that France enter-
tains fears on land as well. The
Quai d'Orsay acknowledges that
last Autumn the British Premier
(Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) was
approached by M. Herriot with
regard to a treaty of "mutual
guarantees" between France and
Great Britain. General Nollet is
quoted as having informed M.
Herriot that Germany is prepar-
ing a new type of army, which
with the 100,000 men allowed her
under the Versailles Treaty would
be able to repeat, what "Prussia
did against Napoleon." Evidently
there is more than meets the eye
behind the term: "new type of
army," and while Professor
Flamm has been devoting his
attention to devising terrors of
war by sea, it is conceivable that
other German men of science have
been busy planning to make future
warfare by land equally horrible.

CHILDREN'S FETE.

**CIVIL SERVICE CLUB GIVE
PARTY.**

The Civil Service Cricket Club
held its annual Christmas fete at
Happy Valley yesterday for the
children.

About 120 children were enter-
tained. A number of them took
part in a short impromptu sports
programme, while the others
either tried their prowess at the
Gold Fish stall and the Coconut
Shy or chose the company of the
two clowns (Messrs. Ward and
Spanton), whose buffooneries
greatly amused them.

A new feature introduced for
the benefit of the grown-ups was
a "Jack High" bowls tournament,
the winners of which were: 1, Mr.
Mill; 2, Mr. Maughan; 3, Mr.
Knight.

At the end of the bowls game
the prizes won during the after-
noon and those won by members
in various forms of sports during
the year were presented by Lady
Severn.

The presentation was preceded
by the dismantling of the Christ-
mas Tree which, laden with
numerous playthings and other
delectable articles for the chil-
dren, had been the cynosure of
youthful eyes.

Sports prizes won during the
year were presented to the fol-
lowing members:—

TENNIS.
Tennis Championship, E. C.
Fincher; runner-up, A. Shepherd.
Handicap "A," E. C. Fincher;
runner-up, H. Best.

Handicap "B," C. Crumplin;
runner-up, Weston.
Men's Doubles: E. C. Fincher
and Woods.

Mixed Doubles: Mr. Gilroy
and Mrs. Sara; runners-up, Mr.
and Mrs. Hollidge.

BOWLS.
Lawn Bowls Championship:
A. H. Oswick.

Handicap Singles: J. J.
Gregory; runner-up, W. Cullip.
Handicap Singles: "A," S.
Mill.

Handicap Doubles: Smith and
Cullip; runners-up, Duigan and
Murphy.

Non-prize Winners Competition:
Gregory; runner-up, S.
Davie.

CRICKET.
Best batting average (1st XI):
G. R. Sayer. Best bowling average,
G. R. Sayer.

Best batting average (2nd
XI): F. Harper. Best bowling
average, E. G. Evans.

The success of the function was
largely due to the excellent
arrangements made by the
Christmas tree Committee, con-
sisting of: Messrs. P. Lambie,
C. Sara, B. E. Maughan, A.
Grimmett, W. Knight, E. Edmond
and R. R. Wood. A number of
ladies also helped in the arrange-
ments, including Mrs. Hollidge,
Mrs. Maughan and Mrs.
Edmonds.

SUES FATHER.

**ARAB HEIRESS ALLEGES
FRAUD.**

ACTION IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, December 17.—Fol-
lowing upon the conclusion of the
lengthy hearing of the charter
party case the Chief Justice, Sir
Walter Shaw, is at present en-
gaged in the hearing of a some-
what remarkable action, which is
being brought by a young Arab
lady, heiress to a wealthy estate,
against her father, whom she
alleges fraudulently or with un-
due influence procured her to
execute a deed under which she
purported to sell her interest in
the estate of her late husband for
30,000 guilders.

The plaintiff, who is repre-
sented in the action by Mr. J.
Cobbett, is one of the two lawful
widows of the late Shaik Abdullah
bin Sayeed bin Marie, an Arab
whose usual residence was at
Cheribon. Her former husband,
according to her pleadings, left
considerable property in the
Straits Settlements and the
Netherlands East Indies, in-
cluding a large landed estate in
Java, which she was entitled to par-
ticipate in. After the death of her
husband her father ordered her
to return from Singapore to Java
with him, and he acted as her
guardian. The plaintiff, who
could neither read nor write, ap-
pointed her father her attorney
for the purpose of obtaining
letters of administration of the
estate of Shaik Abdullah. Defen-
dant acted as administrator with
another man and ultimately as
sole administrator. The estate
was eventually realised and with
her share her father purchased
certain immovable property. In
1922 or 1923 her father brought
to her certain deeds and docu-
ments, which she signed, her
father representing that these
were necessary in connection with
the estate, but plaintiff pleaded
that she was ignorant of the con-
tents of the documents.

**CANCELLATION OF DOCUMENT
ASKED FOR.**

After her second marriage and
her return to Singapore in
January last year, the plaintiff
pleaded, she revoked the powers
of attorney she had given to her
father, but afterwards discovered
that he was in possession of a
deed in the Dutch language, pur-
porting to be a contract for sale,
made between her and her father,
whereby she purported to sell to
him her rights in the estate of
Shaik Abdullah for 30,000
guilders. She denied that she
ever executed this document, and
stated that if she did sign it the
contents were not explained to
her, she did not understand the
contents, and that she did not
have the advice or assistance of
any person, but acted, on the in-
struction of her father, supposing
he would deal fairly by her. She
asked for the cancellation and de-
livery of the document, or a
declaration that the deed was not
an assignment legal or equitable,
or a contract to assign.

The defendant, Shaik Obudh
bin Sallah bin Abdal, who is re-
presented by Mr. R. Page, first
denied in his defence that he was
the guardian of the plaintiff. His
daughter was cognisant of the
contents of the many documents
she signed, he stated, not admit-
ting the second marriage, which
took place, he said, if it did take
place, without his knowledge or
consent. He stated that the deed
in question was executed by his
daughter before a notary public,
who fully explained it to her.
Finally, he denied using fraud or
undue influence, and stated that
the 30,000 guilders was paid
partly in jewellery, and partly by
the transfer of real property in
Arabia.

Keeping her face closely veiled
in her brilliant red tudong kepi,
the plaintiff gave her evidence,
denying, in reply to her counsel,
that her father ever gave her a
gold crossring inset with brilliant
stones worth seven thousand dollars,
as well as other jewellery and the
title deeds of property in Arabia.
She had never intended, she said
in reply to the Chief Justice, to
go to Arabia; she did not want
to. She knew her husband was a
wealthy man, and her step-grand-
son told her that she was entitled
to a share in his estate.

The hearing was adjourned.

HOTEL THAT MOVED.

**WALNUT SHELL ON AN
OCEAN.**

The train was a fast train—so
fast that it seemed now and then to
be on the point of rattling and rock-
ing itself right over. One passen-
ger, at least, felt that he had had
enough of movement for a while.
And then came the necessary drive
to the destination. It was a long
drive. The taxicab was even more
of a rattle-trap than the train. And
its way went across railwaylines
that stuck for inches above the
ground, over thick ropes, through
deep holes in which the water
gleamed grey and greasy under the
grey and greasy sky, into and out
of sheds, round sharp corners, and
half into, half out of, morasses.
Not all the devils in the unnum-
bered ground at Wembley, I be-
lieved, could leave one feeling so
shaken as I felt when at last I
stopped in front of the building
where I was to meet and part from
my friend.

It was an enormous building. It
towered huge in windowed front on
tier above the dwarfed sheds.
Massive, mountainous, it proclaimed
solidity. Here at last was some-
thing firm, and something that
kept still. With profound relief I
felt the ground once more beneath
my feet, as I went up to the first
floor, and down a long, white,
brilliantly lighted corridor on a
thick, soft carpet, towards my
friend's room. I passed across an
enormous landing, out of which
opened a gay-looking dining-room.
Everywhere there were attentive
and obliging men-servants—some
of them a little masterful, maybe, in
manner, but all as alert to help and
guide as possible. I saw electric
signs showing the way to the
swimming-bath, the gymnasium,
the library, the lounge, and many
other such features of good hotel
life. At a desk in one corner, a
very capable gentleman in dark
blue was allotting tables for meals
to a chatting string of guests, so
that there might be none of that
jealousy about such things which is
common in large hotels. I could
not but admire the quickness and
silence with which the servants
were handling luggage. Every-
where comfort, everywhere solidity
and an air of repose, in spite of the
bustle. And cheerful, serene re-
pos was the note struck at first
slight by my friend's room—a bed-
sitting room, small, but quite large
enough, and very prettily furnished
with tables, chairs, a sofa, all sorts
of bookshelves and cup-boards and
shelves. And to one who had
another drive to the station and
another journey to London before
him, that deep, cosy bed looked
inexpressibly inviting. Tea? It
was brought in a moment, very
daintily served. I settled down in
my chair with a delicious sense
of peace, of solidity, of immobility.
In that huge, massive building,
what could there be but quiet and
stillness?

And an hour later the whole
colossal thing began to move. I
saw it. Standing alongside it and
peering up its neck-breaking height,
I watched it moving. It was in-
credible. If Bush House suddenly
began, moving up Kingway, it
could seem no stranger. My solid,
comfortable, peaceful hotel, refuge
from the pains of journeying, repose
for jolted bones and aching muscles,
was itself moving, was itself indeed
an instrument of motion. It had
seemed so still; its purpose was to
move. It had seemed so huge;
that evening someone from cliff or
lighthouse would see it looking
quite small. In a day or two it
would be a walnut shell on an ocean,
a tiny toy of a thing to be rolled
this way and that, heaved up and
sent plunging down, twisted, and
slapped and pushed, and only def-
ying by its own power of motion
forces that could otherwise tear it
to pieces. Those solid, comforting
floors would suddenly strike or
clude the feet that sought them.
The white, dainty walls would reel.
The comfortable silence would
change to creaking, groaning bang-
ing; and my harbour of refuge from
the strain of movement would be
itself all strain, all movement, until
from harbour it had made harbour
and could once more for awhile lie
at rest. I felt a little more kindly
even to the taxicab; and the train-
journey on solid ground seemed
luxurious.

New Pullman Train.

A train of Pullman cars of new
design and construction has been
put out on the Continental service
between London and Dover. Each
coach is of a different decoration.
Marjorie has made veneered
panelling, plum trellis carpets,
armchairs upholstered in tan-sty-
lish. Another is panelled in Cuban
mahogany and ebony with mar-
quetry details of Queen Anne
period. In the kitchen a cold
store is fitted under the floor, the
wheels of the coach, keeping the
chamber cool. Champagne also
is cooled by the flow of air from
the wheels in the same way.

WELSH NOTES.

EDUCATION FOR MINERS.

[BY AP RHYS]

A fortnight ago I wrote of the excellent work that is being done by county committees in Wales who are carrying out the Rural Libraries scheme and gave facts and figures showing how much it is made use of. I am reminded of another movement working for good among the workers of Wales by the following paragraph in the "Cardiff Times":

"The Glamorgan Education Committee on Tuesday received official intimation, that the Central Miners' Welfare Committee, which meets in London, has decided to contribute a sum of £30,000 as their first instalment for the establishment of mining laboratories or mining institutes in the Glamorgan County Council area."

A sum of about £8,000 has been reserved until the question of the character of higher education in mining has been definitely decided, and the differences between the University College at Cardiff and the coalowners' school at Trefores have been adjusted.

Under the terms of the Mining Act a portion of the levy at one penny per ton of coal raised in the Welsh coalfields is to be devoted to the technical education of the miner, and grants for this purpose have recently been allocated to other Education Committees in South Wales.

A writer in the London "Times" thinks that it is probable that further grants will be made for the other areas of Wales and that the scheme for a fully co-ordinated system of mining education ranging from the elementary school through the secondary schools and the mining institutes to the University will now be realized. The University College at Cardiff is to benefit to the extent of £8,000 when the somewhat delicate task has been accomplished of correlating the work of the College with that of the School of Mines at Trefores now controlled by the South Wales mineowners.

"The experiment of taxing the products of an industry so as to provide for the physical and mental welfare of its workers," he writes, "has been fully justified, as the many excellent welfare centres and recreation grounds in South Wales now show. The task of providing education is, however, complicated by the danger lest the local authorities use the fund to provide what should be a legitimate charge on the rates. This danger—in some areas a very real one—will probably be avoided by insisting upon equivalent expenditure, somewhat on the lines of the Treasury grants, of a pound for every pound contributed."

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

FIRE AT AMERICAN SCHOOL.

MANY PERSONS KILLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

HOBART, OKLAHOMA, Dec. 26. Thirty seven were incinerated and others are feared dead as the result of a conflagration in a School house during the Christmas festivities, many of the victims being children. The fire originated by a candle igniting the Christmas Tree, which overturned with its blazing decorations. The panic stricken crowds were trapped in the furnace, from which there was only one exit, the windows being fitted outside with wire screens, rendering escape thereby impossible. Agonised friends and parents outside worked frantically and fruitlessly to extricate the despairingly screaming victims.

AFTER KRASSIN?

RUSSIAN WOMAN CHARGED IN PARIS.

TO BE DEPORTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 26. The Russian woman, stated to be the widow of an American, who was arrested outside the Russian Embassy on December 12, armed with a revolver, has been sentenced to three weeks imprisonment. At the expiry of her sentence she will be deported.

The woman, who was charged with illegal possession of arms, is alleged to have declared her intention to kill Krassin in revenge for the slaughter of her family by Bolsheviks.

Steps Group.

It keeps creeping. That's why mother keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children. For sale every where.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST RESULTS IN LEAGUES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 26. The following are the results of the League games played to-day (Boxing Day):—

DIVISION I.

Arsenal	0	Birmingham	1
Aston Villa	2	Leeds U.	1
Cardiff C.	2	West Ham U.	1
Huddersfield T.	2	Burnley	0
Liverpool	1	Notts C.	0
Newcastle U.	1	Everton	0
Nottingham F.	1	Bolton W.	1
Preston N.E.	3	Blackburn R.	3
Sheffield U.	2	Sunderland	1
W. Bromwich A.	3	Manchester C.	1

DIVISION II.

Barnsley	0	Stockport C.	1
Blackpool	2	The Wednesday	2
Bradford C.	1	Stoke	0
Crystal P.	1	Portsmouth	0
Derby C.	1	Oldham A.	0
Hull C.	2	Clapton O.	0
Manchester U.	2	Midd'bro	0
Port Vale	1	Leicester C.	2
Southampton	2	Fulham	1
Wolverhampton W.	0	Chelsea	1

DIVISION III (SOUTH.)

Brentford	1	Charlton A.	0
Brighton	0	Charlton A.	0
H. A.	1	Bristol R.	0
Bristol C.	0	Swansea T.	0
Exeter C.	3	Plymouth A.	0
Luton T.	0	Watford	3
Merthyr T.	3	Aberdare A.	1
Newport C.	2	B. A.	0
Northampton.	0	Millwall	2
Norwich C.	5	Queen's Park R.	0
Reading	1	Swindon T.	1
Southend U.	4	Gillingham	0

DIVISION III (North).

Barrow	3	Accrington	1
Chesterfield	0	Nelson	1
Crewe A.	2	Rochdale	0
Doncaster R.	1	Bradford	0
Lincoln C.	1	Halifax T.	1
New Brighton	1	Tranmere R.	0
Walsall	2	Grimsby T.	0
Wigan B.	0	Hartlepool U.	0
Wrexham	2	Southport	3

XMAS DAY RESULTS.

LONDON, December 25. The matches in the English League to-day resulted as follows:

DIVISION I.

Birmingham	2	Arsenal	1
Blackburn	0	Preston	0
Bolton	1	Notts Forest	0
Burnley	1	Huddersfield	5
Everton	0	Newcastle	0
Leeds	0	Aston Villa	0
Manchester C.	1	W. Bromwich	2
Notts County	1	Liverpool	2
Sunderland	0	Sheffield	1
Tottenham	1	Bury	1
West Ham	3	Cardiff	2

DIVISION II.

Chelsea	1	Wolverhampton	0
Clapton	0	Hull	0
Coventry	0	South Shields	0
Leicester City	7	Port Vale	0
Middlesbrough	1	Manchester	0
Oldham	0	Derby County	1
Portsmouth	0	Crystal Palace	1
Wednesday	2	Blackpool	0
Stockport	1	Barnsley	0

DIVISION III.

Aberdeen	0	Merthyr	1
Bournemouth	0	Newport	0
Bristol R.	0	Brighton	0
Charlton	3	Brentford	2
Gillingham	3	Southend	0
Millwall	3	Northampton	1
Plymouth	1	Exeter	1
Q.P.R.	1	Norwich	2
Swansea	1	Bristol City	1
Swindon	2	Reading	1
Watford	0	Luton	1

DIVISION III (North).

Bradford	4	Doncaster	1
Darlington	0	Durham	0
Grimsby	2	Walsall	0
Halifax	1	Lincoln	0
Hartlepool U.	1	Wigan	0
Nelson	1	Chesterfield	0
Rochdale	5	Crewe	0
Rotherham	1	Ashington	4
Southport	1	Wrexham	0

BOXING.

DATE OF THIRD TOURNAMENT.

The third tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association will take place at the City Hall on Saturday, January 31. Those wishing to participate should forward records, correct weight and address to Mr. J. Brook, manager of the Association, with a view to arranging bouts.

Tickling Threat.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and tickles until it sometimes almost strangles? Just a few drops of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy swallowed very slowly and allowed to slide down the throat will stop that tickle and at once give you immense relief. Try it that way too for hoarseness, bronchitis and other coughs. For sale everywhere.

CHINA TO POWERS.

FULL TEXT OF PEKING NOTE.

The "Daily Bulletin" yesterday, published the full text of the reply sent by the Waichiao-pu to the Powers, in a Note delivered to the doyen of the Corps Diplomatique, the Dutch Minister, on Christmas Eve. It follows:—

"In acknowledging receipt of the joint communication from the heads of the Mission in Peking, the United States, Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands, on December 9, to which Portugal acceded in a Note dated December 18, the Chinese Government desire to express their gratification at the declaration made by them in the names of their Governments, that they will lend their full support to the 'Provisional' Government in Peking under the present Chief Executive, which they are correct in understanding has been constituted with the concurrence of the nation and will lead to the establishment of a formal Government truly representative of the Republic."

"The Chinese Government desire to assure them that the Chinese Government will continue to respect, as they have always respected, all treaties, conventions and other engagements duly entered into by China, and even in exceptional cases, where divergence in interpretation has arisen, the Chinese Government have always endeavoured to seek an equitable solution with the Powers or Powers concerned according to international usage."

"The Chinese Government are gratified to be apprised that the Governments signatory to the Washington Treaties are willing and anxious to proceed as soon as practicable with the carrying out of the measures contemplated under the Washington Treaties and resolutions, and they hope that these measures will soon be put into execution."

"These measures, which were purposely restricted to those which were immediately practicable, were unconditionally agreed upon to be forthwith carried out. The Chinese Government regret the delay which has unexpectedly occurred, and they sincerely hope that with the assurance now given by the Governments concerned these measures can soon be put into execution in accordance with the intentions and agreements of the Washington Conference. They wish to add, furthermore, that in view of the desire of the Chinese Government to consolidate the friendship between China and friendly Powers on a permanent and sound basis, they hope the Powers concerned will also, at an early date, give sympathetic consideration to the other well-known national aspirations of the Chinese people submitted in recent years to the different international conferences by the Chinese Government, so that their relations may be further improved to their mutual benefit."

OFFICER'S ADVENTURE.

ATTACKED BY MARINE CREATURE.

Bombay, November 19.—Two British officers had an alarming experience in the Back Bay on Sunday morning, and one of them met with an injury which is likely to prove of a serious nature.

The officers concerned are: Captain L. A. Bennett and Captain A. W. Hooper, M.C., both of the embarkation staff. The incident occurred while they were enjoying their usual early morning swim. They had decided to swim to the gap in the reclamation wall, and when they were a hundred yards or so from it Captain Hooper was attacked by some marine creature which drove straight at him, causing an injury to his right eye. The pain caused by the wound was excruciating, but with the assistance of his companion, he eventually reached the beach, where he became violently sick, probably through the effects of some poison which might have entered the wound. He was taken to the military hospital at Colaba, where he received immediate attention, but at present it is not possible to say whether or not he will lose the sight of his eye, which has been badly injured.

Captain Hooper later stated to a press representative that he was swimming towards the reclamation wall when he was attacked, and though he only got a momentary glimpse of the object that attacked him he is positive that it was a fish. He said that it was a fish of some sort, but that it appeared to be about a foot wide, but he could not say as to its length as it made off at once. It came straight at him, and something like a spike entered just under the right eyeball, causing a punctured wound.

CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S GREAT FIGHT IN FIRST TEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, December 24. Australia's second innings closed for 452 runs. Tate took 5 wickets for 98 runs. England started their second innings, and had scored 42 for no wicket when stumps were drawn.

The weather was cold and unseasonable. At most there were 5,000 present, all wearing overcoats. The weather was good. When Collins was out the score was 260 for six wickets. At lunch time the score was 281 for seven. Taylor took 47 minutes to reach double figures, but joined by Mailey, the last wicket pair hit merrily, adding 127 runs in 90 minutes, which is a record for the Australian tenth wicket stand in tests against England. It beats Armstrong's and Duff's 120 at Melbourne in 1902. Tate was the best of the bowlers. The fielding was good. Scores:—

Australia—2nd Innings.

W. Bardsley, b Tate	22
Arthur Richardson, c and b Freeman	93
G. Kelleway, b Gilligan	23
H. L. Collins, c Chapman, b Tate	60
H. Ponsford, c Woolley, b Freeman	27
Victor Richardson, c Hendren, b Tate	18
H. L. Hendry, c Strudwick, b Tate	22
J. Taylor, b Tate	108
J. M. Gregory, c Woolley, b Freeman	2
W. A. Oldfield, c Strudwick, b Gilligan	18
A. A. Mailey, not out	46
Extras	8
Total	452

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Tate	5	wickets for	98
Freeman	3	"	134
Gilligan	2	"	114
Hearne	0	"	88
Chapman	0	"	30

Latest Scores.

England—2nd Innings.

Sydney, December 26.	
J. B. Hobbs, c Hendren, b Mailey	57
H. Sutcliffe, c Gregory, b Mailey	115
J. W. Hearne, b Gregory	0
Mr. A. P. P. Chapman, c Oldfield, b Hendry	44
E. Hendren, c Gregory, b Hendry	9
F. E. Woolley, not out	94
A. Sandham, c Oldfield, b Mailey	22
M. W. Tate, c Ponsford, b Kelleway	0
Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan, b Kelleway	1
A. P. Freeman, not out	33
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wks.)	382

H. Strudwick To Bat.

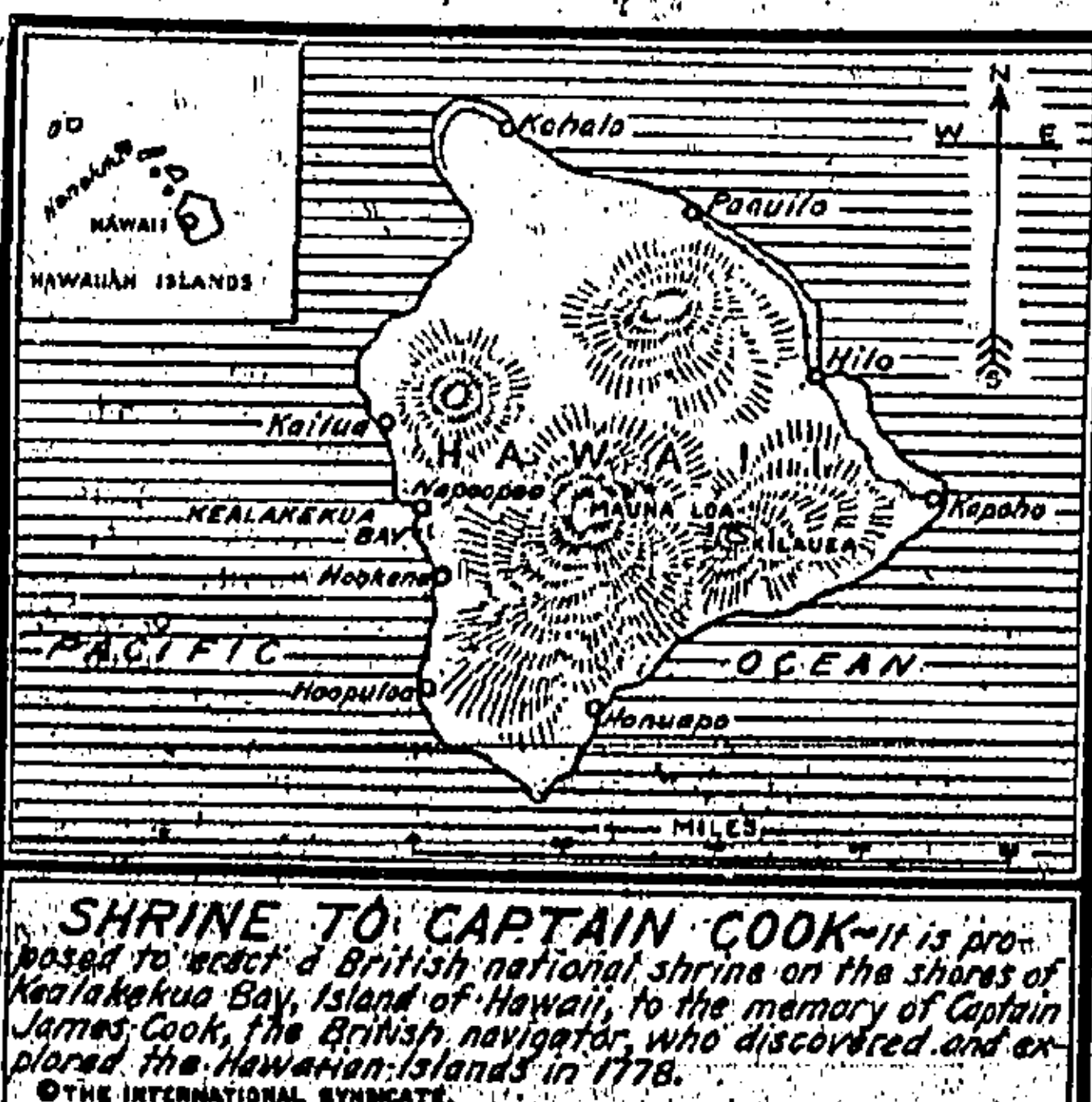
Hobbs, whose innings lasted 111 minutes, batted superbly. Sutcliffe was at the wickets for 4 hours and 4 minutes. He made some splendid shots all round and hit nine fours. Woolley has been batting 1 hour, 53 minutes. He has hit 11 fours and one six. His partnership with Freeman has so far realised 86 runs.

[Note: The cable makes the total 382.]

AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

At almost every social gathering is someone afflicted with an unpleasant breath, a distressing circumstance to all concerned. Sometimes this affliction is due to decayed teeth. More frequently the teeth are not to blame, but other causes for which the proper remedy is Pinkettes. Are you constipated, bilious, nervous? Have you sick headaches, vertigo, flatulence, pimples, blotches, skin eruptions, or any of the symptoms associated with bad breath? Which Pinkettes quickly correct. They are the brain, bowels, stomach and purgative. All chambers sell Pinkettes, or post free at once the vial from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kings Road, Shanghai.

TO COOK'S MEMORY.



SPIRITUALISM.

MISS STEAD AND SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHER.

That the Armistice Day ceremony was made the subject of an extraordinary spiritualistic experiment is now disclosed.

"Spirit photographs," it is stated, were taken of the Cenotaph on two plates during the Silence, and the results were described by Miss Estelle Stead, daughter of the late W. T. Stead.

Miss Stead, accompanied by a "spirit photographer," Mrs. Deane, and Lady Moleworth and Miss Scatcherd, went to Whitehall and exposed two plates during the silence. She stated that extreme precautions were taken to ensure that the plates used were ordinary plates and could not be tampered with by anyone prior to their being exposed.

"I brought the plates in Soho on the Monday night," said Miss Stead, "and I put them into the slide myself after installing them, and during the night we locked Mrs. Deane in her bedroom, so as to prevent anyone suggesting that she had faked the negatives prior to the ceremony."

On Armistice Day we exposed the plates for two minutes with the cameras pointing at the Cenotaph. Mrs. Deane is not a photographer in the ordinary sense. She knows little about photography, but has obtained wonderful spirit negatives.

Miss Stead afterwards took the camera and the plates to the dark room, where they were developed. "The results we have obtained have been wonderful," said Miss Stead. "In one of them the Cenotaph has been completely hidden by a sea of faces. There are faces everywhere, only faces and no forms of any kind."

"We have been able to distinguish at least 50 faces on that one negative."

"On the other negative the Cenotaph can be seen and also the crowd of people round about, but at the base of the Cenotaph there are a mass of spirit faces. It is probably not quite so good a negative as the other one, but there is no doubt about the spirit forms. They are there, and can be seen by anyone. So far we have not had any prints made."

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 27.—Coronet Theatre: "The Live Master."
December 27.—Star Theatre: "A Big Xmas Programme."
December 27.—World Theatre: "The Lullaby."
December 27.—Queen's Theatre: "Saturday Night."
December 27.—Theatre Royal, Edgar Warwick presents the inimitable Wish Wynne.

January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m., January 14, 4.30 p.m. sports.

December 28.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

December 31.—Repulse Bay Hotel special dinner dance.

January 8.—At St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, pianoforte recital by Master Emil Danenberg, 5.30 p.m.

LAND SALE.

December 29.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

December 29.—Lammert Bros. at Godown No. 25, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 30 cases shellac, 11 a.m.

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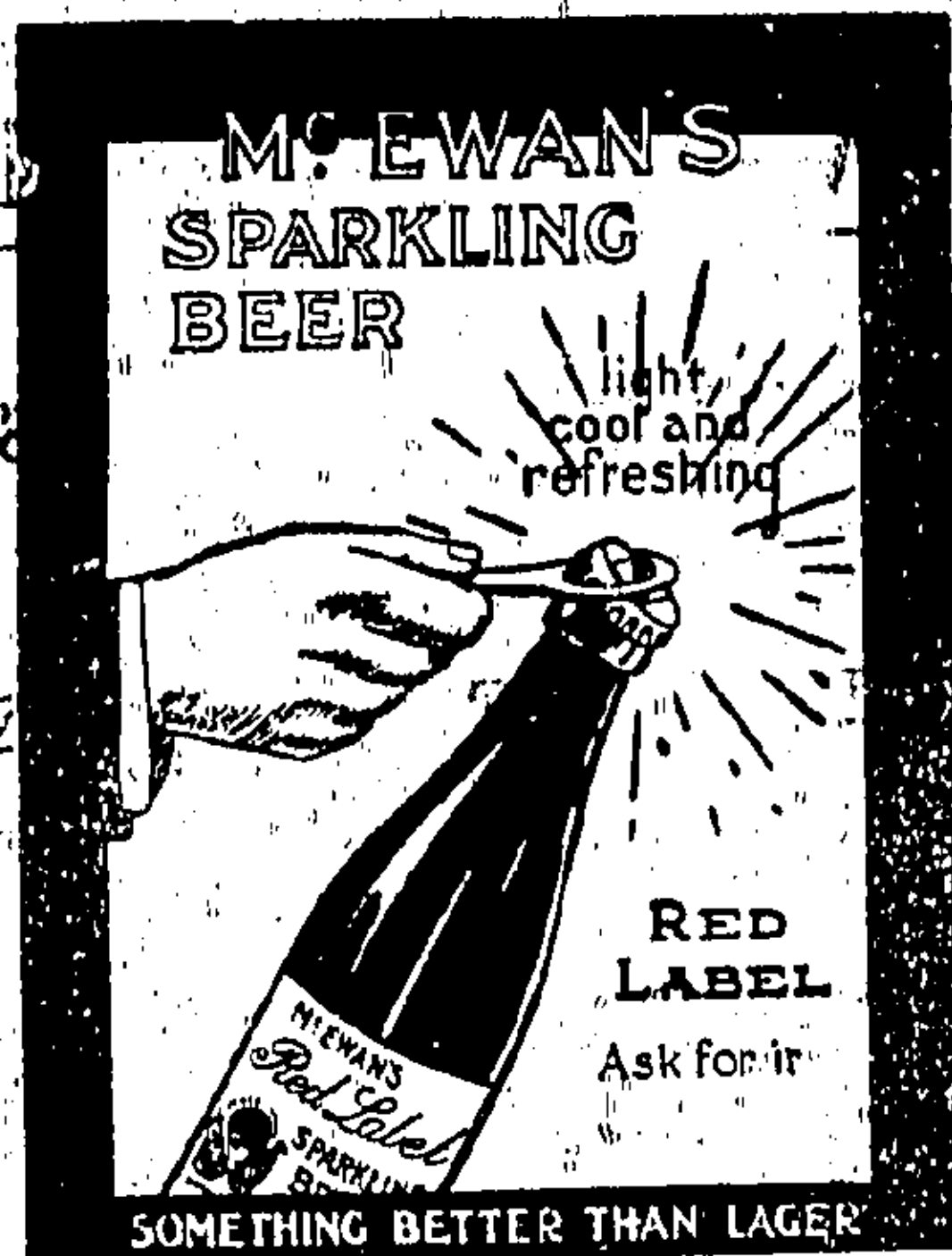
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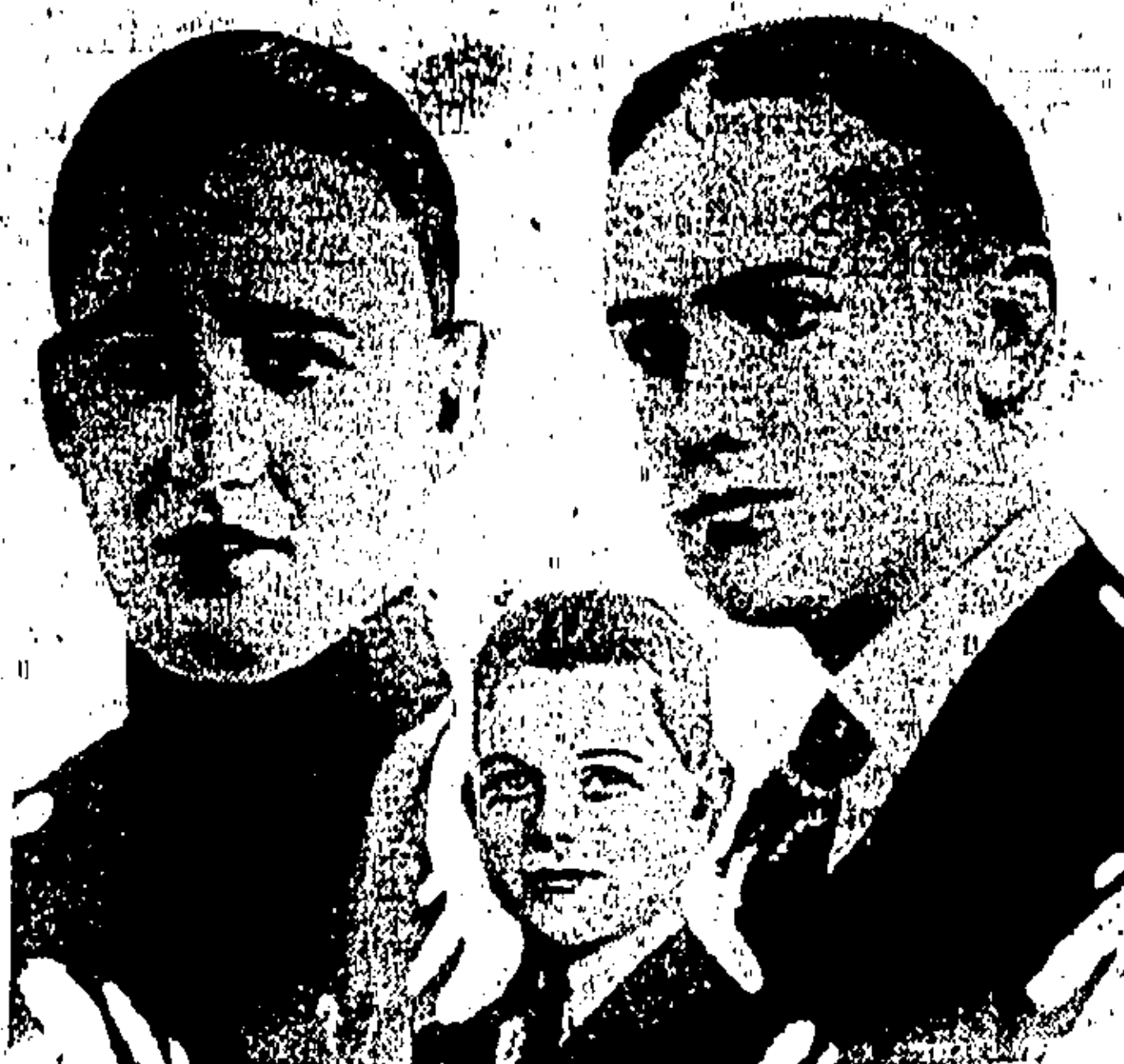
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Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, who becomes Governor of Wyoming on January 5, and therefore America's first woman Governor, is the mother of three fine sons. They are Ambrose, twenty-one, who is learning ranching in Mexico; his twin brother, George Taylor Ross, senior at the University of Wyoming; and William Bradford Ross, thirteenth a seventh grade student in the Cheyenne (Wyoming) Junior High School.

Czech Leader.



KARL KISKA

Kochwuden Kiska, father of the Czechoslovakian Republic, has just celebrated his sixtieth birthday in Prague. During the war he fled from Austrian rule and found refuge in France, where was laid the foundation for the republic and the present rule of President Masaryk.

ARE THEY TOO YOUNG TO HANG?



ANNA (PEGGY) VALANIS & LUCILLE MARSHALL

Anna ("Peggy") Valanis and Lucille Marshall are shown as they appeared before a jury when placed on trial for their lives with two youths for the slaying of Mrs. Bessie Gaensslen, strangled to death for a few dollars. They are credited with having boasted that they "are too young to hang."

Mystery Suicide.



MADLINE HABERSTROTH

In dramatic fashion and for no reason for which family or friends could account, Madeline Haberstroth, society favorite, shot herself dead in her own motor car, while from another car her parents witnessed the act, powerless to prevent it.

MYSTERY OF WOMAN'S DEATH IN FURNACE.



DEATH FURNACE & SHEATSELEY FAMILY

Great mystery surrounds the finding of the charred body of Mrs. Sheatsley, wife of the pastor of an Ohio Lutheran Church, in a burning furnace in the parsonage. The furnace door was closed. Dr. Sheatsley, at first suggesting murder, finally indicated his belief that his wife, strangled by her own hands, purged herself of fancied sins through the ordeal of fire, as practised by the ancients of Europe. He said the knowledge she gained during eight months in India, when he did missionary work there, may have shown her the ability of human beings, through religious fanaticism, to make their bodies practically insensible to pain. A strange episode in the woman's death was the admission of her sixteen-year-old son, Clarence, that he saw his mother's body in the furnace, but said nothing about it until his father found the body. Above are shown Rev. and Mrs. Sheatsley and their children and the death furnace.

Sailless Sail Ship.



ANTON FIETNER

Anton Fietner, a German engineer, has perfected a sailing ship that sails without sails or masts, and it is reported all the Hamburg-American Line steamers are to be fitted with it. The vessels are fitted with two metal cylinders, which turn in the wind 100 times a minute, generating electricity serving the motor which turns the propeller.

SOCIETY WOMEN AID GIRL SCOUTS.



LADY ARMSTRONG & MRS. NICHOLAS F. BRADY

Lady Armstrong, wife of Sir Harry Clouston Armstrong, British Consul-General to New York City, presided at the first report luncheon of the Girl Scouts Fund Drive Committee, which is seeking money to build a national headquarters for the girls. Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, of the multimillionaire traction family of that name, herself head of the Girl Scouts, was the hostess.

Blackmail Trial.



LORD HALSBURY

Fashionable London is agape at the story told in court by Lord Halsbury, counsel for Charles Ernest Robinson, a bookmaker, in his suit to recover £100,000 from the Midland Bank. Robinson alleges one of the greatest of the Indian potentates stole his wife and took her to Paris, where he was blackmailed of £125,000, of which Robinson got only £25,000, the rest being held by members of the blackmail gang. Robinson thinks the bank should pay him the balance.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT BALL GAME.



KING GEORGE, AMBASSADOR KELLOGG & QUEEN MARY

Above is pictured the royal box with the royal party smiling in apparent enjoyment during the baseball game at Stamford Bridge, near London, between the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox. Right to left are Queen Mary, the American Ambassador, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, King George and the Prince of Wales.

GLASSES— BRIGHTER VISION

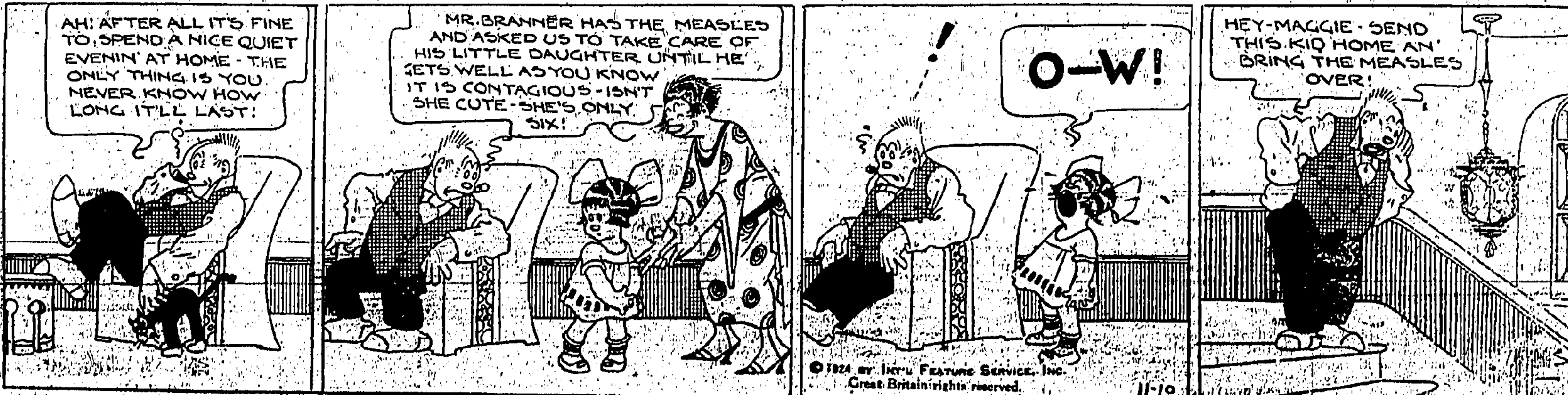
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THE MODE IN PROSPECT AND RETROSPECT



SEEN AT BIARRITZ.

Newspaper dispatches tell us of the gaiety of the season at Biarritz, the pleasure place where British and Americans throng to enjoy the fêtes given in the new dining and ball rooms of the redecorated Casino Bellevue; the gala dinners at the Palais Hotel, and the competitions of the polo players. And women folk, who delight in being always a step ahead of fashion, are interested, not so much in what is done, as in what is worn. Daytime frocks after-noon attire, and the beautiful gowns that appear at the dances on the illuminated terrace of the Casino; in them there are prophecies, and who of us are not interested in prophecies, when they concern clothes? Our own mid-winter season is approaching, and not so far away one glimpses the Palm Beach season.

Frocks for daytime wear savour of the sports and tailored type; so much so that one fashion observer has termed them uniforms. They are straight of line, one piece in effect, button trimmed and pocketed, or they are in two pieces, consisting of pleated skirt with hip-length blouse—note that, particularly, for it shows the perversity of the winds of fashion, that blew hot with tunics, and now blow cold with shorter blouses. There is a prophecy of satin-striped sports dresses for winter wear; white and black—not black and white—appears; yellow, pink and lilac are favourite colours.

There are large and medium hats—they are strictly "new," but the small hat is everywhere, and felt is the fabric, when it is not straw. Straw! and winter yet a month away! And, gathered here and there, these fashion notes—gray is bidding for favour, especially in accessories; artificial pearls match the dress; sheer stockings take the flesh and sunburnt limbs; lizard skin appears in the smartest shoes; envelope bags match the costume, but the newest bag is of suede with tortoise shell frame. Something to think about, these things "Seen at Biarritz."

FASHION NOTES.

The newest bracelets are made of flexible wire, and are meant to be worn in number—sometimes as many as ten at a time. A jewelled or link bracelet may lend variety to the group.

Never has fur, both as a fabric and as a trimming, known the popularity, that it is enjoying to-day. The plaiding of fur is meeting with unexpected success, appearing in many clever guises.

Any Outline, No Matter How Extended, Would Be Wholly Inadequate—The Mode Is As Varied As It Is Whimsical.

As a season progresses, fashion crystallizes, so to speak, into form; certain things have been accepted, certain things discarded, and one can select from what is left with a reasonable assurance that her choice will be correct. And by "correct" one means that in line and form it has met with the approval of the smart society folk who are, after all, the final judges of what shall or shall not be worn. The famous Paris couturiers send us their original designs, and from them we select the details that seem best adapted to our purposes, for certain it is that life in our America is very different from life abroad, and the American woman has a mind of her own when it comes to what she will wear. To outline the mode in detail would be an impossibility, for there would be quite as much left out as there would be included in that outline. It is an amazingly versatile thing, the mode of the present day, which will not be the mode of to-morrow or the day after. But for the day that it seems quite as satisfactory, and rather more adaptable, than it has been for seasons past, the continuous struggle for individuality there is bound to be a wealth of new ideas, and it is these ideas that make for the versatility of the mode.

Dignity, Simplicity, Luxury Rule. That simplicity can be compatible with dignity and luxury the mode of the hour prove with a conclusiveness that is without parallel. Depth and richness of colour, great beauty of woven fabrics, beautiful—even exotic—trimmings go to make up the fashions of the hour, but they seem to make more noticeable the fine simplicity of the finished product, and the outstanding individuality owes much to these details. In times past there was usually only a single featured mode, and it dominated fashion. But it is somewhat difficult to select one mode right now, without slighting others that were proving just as popular, and were quite as deserving of notice. There have been changes, too, in many of the fundamentals, and just as the instability of "any mode," there are changes in prospect.

The outstanding fashion features of the mode as it exists are the unique costume ensemble suit; the directoire influence; the generous, even prodigal use of fur; and the details of long sleeves, short skirts and high necklines. There have been changes in the texture of fabrics; the cloche hat has yielded its sceptre to the high, square crowned model; the short, tailored coat, part of the by-gone tailleur, has been replaced by the suit coat long that it reaches the hem of the skirt; and the distinctive dress has given way to the long, tight-sleeved model that is a direct opposite. But they do say that the cloche is coming back; that the very newest suit models show shorter coats; and the sleeveless dress is approved for afternoon or as a part of the more elaborate costume ensemble.

Fabrics are interesting, and just as important as they are interesting. Daytime models incline to ribbed materials, whether they be of silk or wool, and the after-benjamin-and-ottoman play a very prominent part in the fabric show. Crepes, velvets, the tulle and reps are of importance, and for evening there is a luxurious variety that includes chiffon, the gorgeous velvets and brocades, the lace, tulle, and mousseline de soie. The deep-plaid fabrics of the coat world have given way to the fine, woolen, suede-finished

materials that combine so satisfactorily with fur. Stress is laid on the ensemble costume that makes use of the dress, which is usually of beauty and richness, for the lining of the coat. It is a happy idea, this linking of costume parts together.

Colours Rival Fabrics in Beauty. Surprisingly enough black heads the list, when it comes to colour, even a season when there is an unusual depth and richness in the shades presented. The colour range is so diversified that to list the games that have been found for the newest tones would be a tedious—and a thankless—task for oftentimes one is quite in doubt as to what a name may mean. For example—cranberry red leaves are very much at sea, as to its classification, for it is called red, but might easily pass for one of the very many shades of henna. Can't you remember when "henna" was a shade itself? And now it is a colour of which there are many shades. There are many browns, blues, greens and reds, all of them lovely and many of them really attention-compelling. Beige, gray and the purple shades have representation. And now we come to the silhouette—the most important characteristic of the mode. We have accepted the straight silhouette as a permanent thing, but while it remains with us, its popularity is threatened, so very much so that one may almost make the statement that the straightline silhouette is really correct only when one departs from the tailored, and enters the realm of the formal and the semi-formal, she immediately becomes conscious of the flared hemline, which changes the silhouette, though it does not appreciably detract from its general impression of slimness. It is achieved by flounces, inserts—usually of the godet type—and pleats, and at times, when the tunic is used, the tunic flares.

While there are many types of sleeves, the long sleeve is "the thing" for daytime wear; the round, square, bateau and V-neck are seen, but the very newest neck finish has a high collar; skirts are short; the semi-fitted, variously, and effectively used; the waistline is high, low or does not exist at all. These are essential details, and, shadowing them all, are the trimmings, on which the mode depends for much of its popularity. Fur is, first and foremost, to be considered. It trims suits, frocks, coats and blouses; it is any and everything that it could be, when it comes to source, and hold together. If any one fur leads as a trimming, it is leopard and the spotted furs that are so effective, especially on the very newest neck finish, which is black with leopard trim. Buttons, fringes, embroideries, appliques—no trimming is neglected in the scheme of things.

A Wide Choice Of Tailored Models. Because the average woman has more uses for the practical, tailored dress, coat or suit, tailored things have been chosen to illustrate the general features of the mode. A coat frock with tunic neckline shows conclusively that fabrics can be decorative for the fabric is the "making" of this frock in more ways than one. In spite of the fur banding and the ornamental closing, the model is strictly tailored, and its sleeve, long as a tailored sleeve should be, has the well-liked flare at the wrist. Rather sporting in its type the dress of novelty plaid that gives one the impression of tapestry. Its owner may be a bridge enthusiast, and place her faith in diamonds, if the pattern is at all

indicative of her taste. Note the break that is so effectively achieved by the use of the panel of plain material, matched to the collar, and the sleeve bands. Buttons, when in keeping with the tailored spirit, add a note of smartness.

A novelty silk frock, a little less formal, seems to tie at the side, and realizes the effectiveness of distinct motifs of embroidery. There is never an entire absence of the black and white combination in fashion; at times it is more popular than at others, but it is always correct; it is always smart. No one would deny the practicality—or the smartness—of the pictured suit, and it makes use of a popular plaid; the tunic and fur are a trimming. The scalloped banding is unusual; so, too, is the cuff of fur set above a narrow cuff of the fabric which is, in turn, trimmed with buttons covered with the material. The coat is typical of the best-liked models of fashion. It is of suede-finish fabric and makes a generous use of fur in a manner that has met with general approval. It is a daytime coat, not too elaborate for "morning" wear, but elaborate enough for any semi-formal afternoon affair.

UNDERTHINGS ARE TOUCHED WITH ORIGINALITY

It is almost impossible for the present-day woman to conceive the ugliness of the underthings that her grandmother wore—but does not, one feels safe in saying, wear now. The fabrics were heavy, ugly, quite impossible from our modern point of view; the trimmings were equally heavy, ugly, impossible; and the lines were shapeless, ugly, impossible—there are no other words to express the characteristics. One can imagine a lady of the remote days of all this unattractiveness suddenly plunged into an orgy of buying in some lingerie department of a department store; one can picture her bewilderment, her awe, and—perhaps—her instinctive feeling that modern underthings are too frivolous, too frugal.

While one must admit that the gowns and chemises and step-ins, to which we have become accustomed, will not stand rigorous scrubbing, one must also consider the fact that they are not expected to, and they are, moreover, imperative, if one is to keep her slender straightness. What would we do with all the bulk of fabric and trimming that they wore in the century past? It is out of the question, of course. Even undergarments are of the simplest, most inexpensive kind, they are graceful of line, fine of fabric, and possessing in their beauty, simplicity, while it can be most expensive, can be had for a moderate expenditure—indeed, the garment that is not costly must be simple; there is nothing so tawdry as cheap trimmings; even sparsely applied. Better that the garment be wholly untrimmed.

What, in particular, has the past year brought us, in the way of new undergarments? Not so much that is wholly original, but a very great deal of originality has been introduced into the clever adaptations of things that we have seen before. The rubber corset, with accompanying brassiere, has been made dainty, wearable and altogether lovely, so very much so that it is being

DID YOU KNOW—

THAT the vogue of the wide belt of suede leather has been extended to include collar and cuffs to match? All four pieces have perforated decorations, and the buckle of the belt is self-covered.

THAT the woman who adores masculine apparel now may wear what the British term the "singlet"? It is made of fine zephyr yarn, and is really a most attractive sweater.

THAT the straight line is in danger of being eclipsed by the wiles of the flared hemline? And the high collar with wide bow cravat is gaining in popularity every day?

THAT the really smart woman is casting aside the decorative cuffed glove and wearing in its place the loose pull-on? These newest gloves are of gray or beige suede and are quite devoid of trimming.

that it takes on the characteristics of an ornament, while its companion piece, the brassiere, is quite as decorative.

The costume slip has been gradually growing in popularity, and the tunic, a vogue of the present season, has set the final seal on the favourite. As an undergarment it aids in the keeping of slender lines, and as a part of the ensemble costume it rises to heights it has never reached before, taking on all the characteristics of the separate skirt, and doing away with belts and the wearing of a brassiere. It travels, at times, under the name of "tunic slip," and the fine fabric of which the lower part is made is pleated, more often than not, while the upper part remains plain. The favourite material is crepe-back satin, for it has a body to it, and really replaces the separate skirt.

Lingerie in general keeps to the warm, rather than the high colours, and there is black for her who likes its sombre note. Two characteristics prevail—daintiness and the tailored finish—the latter imperative, if underthings are to be consistent with the silhouette. Even when ribbons and laces and French flowers are used, they are applied with a fitness that is distinctly tailored in its effect. Net is the newest and best liked trimming, and it both edges and makes the ribbon runs, though hardly practical for the latter. It makes a very lovely foundation for appliques, embroidered motifs and lace inserts, but it must be underlaid with exquisite care. Fashioned of fine, soft fabrics, every piece is made with the most exquisite care, whether it be untrimmed, or more elaborate in its general effect.

worn for its beauty and comfort, even when one has no faith in its actual reducing properties. It certainly does reduce the appearance of size. And the corset of to-day is so really lovely



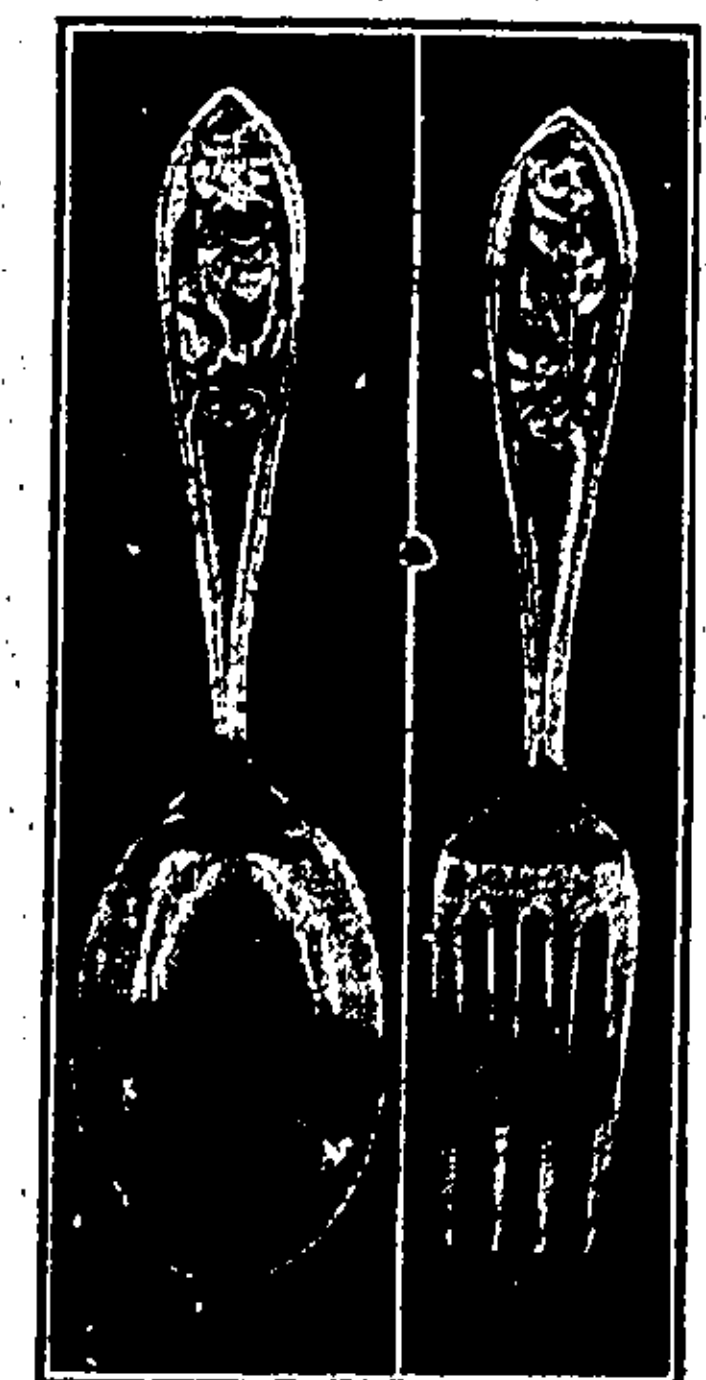
The Tunic-Dominating The Fashions Of The Hour—Makes The Costume Slip Imperative.

FOR THE YOUNGESTER'S CHRISTMAS MORNING

If we are to make a success of our Christmas giving—of every separate article on our carefully-thought-out gift list—we must consider, first of all, appropriateness, for it is the keynote that leads to the solution of every problem. There is usually a baby or two on the list, and the brief span of its little life precludes the possibility of any very wide choice of gifts that will prove either interesting or diverting in its wake-a-little and sleep-a-lot day. So the question must be answered in one of three ways—the offering may be really amusing, for an hour or so; it may be something that will aid mother in making the little one more comfortable; or it may be given with an eye to the future, and its enjoyment in days to come.

In making a gift to baby with an idea that it will divert the wandering attention for a brief space, one must trust to luck, for what amuses one small person will be scornfully passed by in another case. It may be a rattle in the guise of a colourful bird; it may be

and silver, that will make the hated porridge taste ever so much better; there are diminutive chairs, convenient pieces of furniture to house baby's wardrobe or help in the sometimes terrible process of the bath; and many



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most unusual accessories for the art of the toilet.

One may be severely practical, when it comes to the gift of the future, and if one takes a practical view she realizes that it is an expensive business, nowadays, bringing up and educating even one little person, in the way he should be brought up and educated. So there is the always acceptable gift of gold, to be added to the bank account the adoring father and mother started when the baby was born. And accidentally, there is no gift more acceptable whatever the age of the recipient may be, for it always means the fulfilment of some desire that one may hesitate to express. If the baby is a girl, and one belongs to the family or is an old family friend, there are the necklaces that begin with a single pearl for the first Christmas, and add one pearl for every year until a "full-length" necklace is obtained. There is always an excuse for an extra pearl on a birthday, an anniversary, or a Christmas; the years pass, and the necklace grows in beauty and value.

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A quaintly amusing velvet dog or bear; it may be a jointed, wooden cat that will urge whistling, or it may be one of the huge family of rubber folk that make even the hated bath intriguing. One never can tell about the amazing younger generation that seems almost uncanny in its perceptions. A small boy of eleven months turned down every sort of a toy that was hopefully presented for his approval for a battered truck—with one wheel missing—and mother soon found that nothing on wheels would amuse, and nothing but whooled toys. A chance for prophetic soothsayers! There are so many things, these days, that pertain to the comfort of the very young baby that if the gift is to take that form there will be no difficulty in making a satisfactory choice. There are old little dishes, of china, pottery

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Chinese Government yacht, "Abulanta," of 370 tons, under Captain Love, has arrived at Singapore from Southampton. It is bound for Shanghai.

The Florence Manufacturing Company, Florence, Mass., U.S.A., manufacturers of the well-known Prophy-lactic tooth brush, announces a change in its corporate name to the Prophy-lactic Brush Company. This change in name was largely brought about by the fact that the Company's leading product became better known than the company name.

The interesting announcement is made in the current Resume of Commercial and Technical Information, compiled by the Directorate of Civil Aviation of the Air Ministry, that a special seaplane has been built by the Fairey Aviation Company, Ltd., for use as an aerial ambulance at a balata estate in British Guiana. This seaplane is the first of its kind to be constructed.

A Peking cable states that regulations governing the Rehabilitation Conference have been issued as a Mandate. They consist of thirteen articles, defining the duties and scope of the Conference, consisting of thirty members. The object of the Conference is to solve political questions and plan a reorganisation programme. The principal duty will be to draft regulations for a National Conference. The first conference will last a month, but may be extended. Its delegates will consist of military and political personages possessing special qualifications.

The conviction is growing that the hope for Christian unity lies in common progress beyond present limitations of thought and outlook with regard to the divisive issues, rather than in shepherding Christendom toward foregone conclusions peculiar to this group or that. The first thing is to improve present modes of intercourse concerning what we severally hold highest. That is the purpose of the preparations for the World Conference on Faith and Order, a world-wide enterprise in which more than eighty of the great Christian Churches are taking active part. Publications may be had free from the Secretariat, P.O. Box 226, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

The Sincere Co., Ltd., is shortly to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary.

An unknown Chinese committed suicide yesterday by hanging from a door at 'Sui Chee Tong' Laichikok, yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the name of Mr. Arthur John May be added to the List of Authorized Architects published in Government Notification No. 189 of April 11, 1924.

Master Emil Dinenberg accompanied his father last week in order to give a recital at Manila. Mr. Charles Gerken has now received the following cable: "Concert great success: Professors and critics astounded."

A Chinese woman living at No. 39, Des Voeux Road West, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of poisoning, and died shortly after admission. The poison, the exact nature of which has not been disclosed, is believed to have been self-administered.

A licensed hawkler sleeping in a cubicle on the second floor of No. 32, First Street, woke up shortly before midnight yesterday to find smoke issuing from the top bunk of a bed space at the rear of the flat. After the fire had been put out, it was found that the cause had been a torch made up of Chinese paper and soaked in kerosene.

At the Government pawnshop at Widoeran, Java, seven months ago, a big "diamond" was pledged for five hundred guilders. This diamond was not redeemed and it only fetched nine guilders. It was made of glass and the official in charge of the pawnshop will have to make good the difference.

There is prospect of the Japanese Department of Justice adopting a system for granting compensation for false imprisonment, which is a thing absolutely unknown at present in Japan, where the cases involved are an outcome of the exercise of judiciary powers. As the law stands to-day a man is liable to be held in detention on suspicion, but he is entitled to no compensation when he is set free for want of evidence.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Germany, sitting in conference at Fulda, have decided in view of the many complaints that they have received of the dwindling sense of shame and indecencies that are such a noticeable factor of the present time, to address a joint appeal to all Catholics. The Lutheran Church in Germany is in full accord with this important step of the Catholic episcopate on the ground that if sexual morality disappears culture and religion cannot remain.

According to a message from Berlin, Herr Ebert and the Public Prosecutor have appealed against the verdict in the Magdeburg Court on Dec. 23rd, owing to the Courts finding that Ebert did urge the munition workers to hold out during the 1918 strike, and therefore juridically committed high treason. The Nationalist and anti-Republican papers are making political capital out of this verdict, demanding that Herr Ebert should resign from the Presidency. There was a significant sequel when the Vice-Chancellor, Doctor Jannes, Herr Siresemann, and six other Cabinet members called on the President and handed him a resolution expressing complete confidence in him.

The "Hochi" understands that when the last Conservative Cabinet drew up the Singapore base plan, the Japanese Government issued an informal protest to the British Government through its Ambassador in London, Baron Hayashi, on the ground that although the scheme did not constitute a violation of the Washington treaties there was room for reconsideration from the moral point of view and that it ran counter to the stipulations of the Covenant of the League of Nations under which all signatories undertook to limit their armaments to the minimum. The Japanese paper further says that at that time the Japanese Government even intimated to the British Government that had it known at the Washington Conference that the British Government would frame such a plan, it would not have consented to the naval limitation treaty. The Japanese authorities are said to be contemplating issuing a similar protest to the present British Government in view of the probability of the plan being revived.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Carols will be sung at the evening service at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow.

The journal "West Africa" publishes a reservedly a rumour that Sir Reginald Stubbs is being offered the Governorship of Nigeria.

Mr. Briggs, one of the Negri Sembilan rugby three-quarters, is suffering from septic poisoning in two of his fingers, which were damaged in the match against Singapore on Nov. 29.

An interesting visitor to the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore, has been Dr. T. K. Lee M.A., I.T.D., the Principal of the Tuhsan University, Shanghai, an old boy of the school. He was known as Lee Teng Wee when in the early days he boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Ojham (1887).

The engagement is announced of Mr. Frederick George Alderson-Smith, of St. George, Agrapattana, Ceylon, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Alderson-Smith, formerly of Mahacoodagalla, Uda Pussellawa, and Dorothy Cecil, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cecil Bliss, of Wallahā, Lindula, Ceylon.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore on December 15, in the presence of a large number of friends, the marriage took place of Mr. G. C. Nash, of Messrs. Boustead and Co., Ltd. and Miss Olive Marion Bond, daughter of Mrs. Bond of Parkstone, Dorset. The bride arrived the same morning by the M. V. "Glenbeg." The Ven. Archdeacon Swinford officiated and Mr. F. Sulzmann presided at the organ.

Mr. H. C. Bathurst, at present Chairman of the Kinta Sanitary Board, who was recently mentioned as going to Seremban as Deputy Public Prosecutor, will, on the return from Home leave this month of Mr. A. J. Sturrock, revert to his former post of Chief Assistant District Officer, Kinta, replacing Mr. L. A. Allen, who is going to Seremban, as D. P. P. Hitherto there have been only two D.P.P.s for the Federated Malay States, and Mr. Allen's appointment is the first under the new arrangement to have three.

Dr. Colbert, a recent arrival from Home, has been posted to the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur.

The hon'ble Mr. H. W. Thomson, British Resident, Pahang, is expected to return from leave early next month.

Steve Donoghue is not going to India, but is entering hospital, to have a piece of bone removed from his nose, and is then going to Switzerland.

Mrs. R. P. Sanderson wife of the Secretary of the Tientsin Race Club, has returned from Home. She was accompanied on her trip from Shanghai to Tientsin by her husband.

Captain Gill and Colonel Dunbar, joint polo managers at Ranelagh, have terminated their connection with the club, owing, it is reported, to the scheme for the reorganisation of London polo.

Messrs. Theodore E. Simmang and Isidor A. Landesman of Tientsin announce that they have Associated themselves under the firm Name of Simmang and Landesman for the General Practice of Law.

Business is slowly opening its doors to women in China, said Miss E. D. Edwards, a teacher of Chinese, at a recent luncheon of the Soroptimist Club in London. Miss Edwards added that she knew of one woman, the wife of a magistrate, who sat with her husband on the bench and decided the fate of women offenders.

Mr. N. L. Chu, cousin of Mr. N. C. Chu, manager of the Commercial and Savings Bank, Canton, was knocked down and run over by a bus of the Canada Motor Bus Co. in Wei Oi Road East, Canton, a few days ago, and died in the New Kung Yee Hospital a few hours after an immediate operation. Intended to save his life. The deceased was a graduate of Wesleyan College, Ohio, U.S.A. He came back from the States in 1920 and entered the above bank last year.

A Penang message, of December 15, reports that Police Inspector J. G. Barrett, accompanied by his wife, child and amah, while returning from Relau the previous evening, met with a motor accident near Batu Uban. The night was dark and it was raining heavily. While their car was negotiating a bend in the road, a hired car, with only the left headlight burning, came from the opposite direction and a collision occurred and on both cars being locked together. The amah was shot through the wind-screen and sustained injuries to the head and had to be taken to hospital. Inspector Barrett hit his head against a hood stanchion and was rendered unconscious, but came to when assistance was rendered. The driver was slightly cut in the head. Both cars were badly damaged. Inspector Murphy was informed of the accident and appeared on the scene and took Mr. Barrett's party to hospital. No one was seriously injured.

While bathing in a mining pool at Sungai Besar, F. M. S., on December 15, a European miner, Mr. S. E. England, who joined Messrs. Guthrie and Co. from home five months ago, lost his life. Deceased, together with Messrs. Bernard, Grant, Newton, Deig and Colbett, went out swimming in the pool, which is about 275 yards across, when he got cramp, and despite all the efforts of others, it was not possible to save his life. It appears that Mr. Bernard and the deceased struck out from one part of the pool to the opposite shore, about 60 yards across. They had gone a certain distance when the others who were about 170 yards away, heard a shout for help. They swam up and found Messrs. Bernard and England in an exhausted condition. Mr. Colbett realised that it would be useless to attempt to take the two men to the shore, and he swam back and got a plank. He helped Mr. England on to the plank. About 20 yards from shore, however, the deceased made a convulsive movement and fell off the plank and went under. The others again got hold of the body but again Mr. England went down. This time all their efforts to get him were fruitless. Deceased was a poor swimmer.

DIVING CRUISER.

SUBMARINES IN FUTURE NAVAL WARFARE.

Professor Oswald Flamm, designer of the giant submarine cruisers, has contributed to the latest issue of the "Marine Rundschau," an article giving further particulars of his plans. Writes the naval correspondent of the "Daily News."

The "Marine Rundschau," it should be noted, is the official naval organ of the German Ministry of Defence. While Professor Flamm thinks battleships and other surface men-of-war are still indispensable, he claims for the submarine a higher place in future naval warfare than it occupied during the late struggle. Britain's efforts to secure the abolition of the submarine at the Washington Conference, and the eventual agreement to limit its size, he condemns as a display of "Anglo-American cant."

DIVING CRUISER.

Turning to his own designs, he emphasises the supreme importance of stability in submarines. This problem, which is supposed to have baffled foreign designers, has now been solved by adopting a new form of hull, of which a sectional diagram is given. It ensures perfect stability, he claims, while diving and when running submerged, conduces to steadiness of trim, and enables relatively enormous weights to be carried on the upper part of the hull.

One of his largest projects is a diving cruiser of 7,067 tons, which would carry defensive armour weighing 6,142 tons and an armament of turret guns, quick-firers and torpedo tubes with a weight of 500 tons.

His submarine minelayer, of 7,734 tons displacement, would carry a thousand mines, each weighing a ton. Of the two ships, he thinks the mine-layer would be the most formidable in war.

Discussing the tactical value of monster submarines, he points out that such a vessel, mounting one or more heavy guns in deck turrets and having its sides plated with armour, could rise to the surface and, with only its upper works showing, cannonade with deadly effect the unarmoured sides of an enemy Dreadnought. The submarine itself would present an almost invisible target, and could only be hit by chance.

The big mine-layer, however, would be even more dangerous, thanks to its huge stock of mines, its high speed, and wide radius of action. It could cruise at sea for months, independent of bases, so that, once it had left harbour, none would know of its whereabouts. It could appear suddenly off a hostile coast, sow its mines unobserved and leave at once for another sphere of activity.

BRITAIN'S NEW BOATS.

Professor Flamm states that all the principal navies are now building undersea cruisers of 4,000 tons and more. So far as is known, he says, these vessels depend for their stability on ballast, which is so much dead weight to carry.

While admitting that British constructors are likely to turn out good designs, he finds it impossible to judge the quality of their boats without knowing how stability is assured. "If no ballast is used, the system of construction must border on that which I have patented in all the leading countries. In any case, the British have known of my detailed plan since the year 1910."

"At the present time," continues the Professor, "Britain is building the big submarines X-10, which carry heavy guns. To compensate for the heavy burden on deck, 750 tons of ballast is stored in the bottom."

Quite apart from the useless dead weight it involves, this ballast restricts both the speed and the radius of action, besides adding to the cost of building and upkeep. There is also a great danger of such boats capsizing in a seaway or when diving in rough weather. The British Navy has already suffered from the consequences of this method of distributing weights, for the battleships of the Royal Sovereign class, once they start rolling, are never on an even keel."

Some of the above statements are inaccurate, and others must be pure surmise. For example, it is not true that ten submarines of the X class are building; only one has been built so far. And as all particulars of the X-10 have been withheld, the amount of ballast, if any, which this boat carries is mere guesswork.

Professor Flamm has still to explain why he and other German designers were unable during the war to turn out heavily-armed submarines of good stability, whereas British constructors succeeded in building boats which mounted 12in. guns and yet possessed a high degree of stability.

Do You Dread the Night?

Coups and snide always seem to grow more plentiful at night, and come without warning at midnight. A vivid, noisy, feverish, sleepless night by keeping in the home a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is soothing, healing and contains no narcotics. For sale everywhere.

"A PUBLIC DANGER"

CONSPIRACY TO EVADE DEPORTATION LAWS.

London, November 16.—Mention was made in the "News of the World" some time ago that the authorities were on the track of a gang who were actively engaged in promoting bigamous marriages in order to defeat the emigration laws. For a pound or two men were being found who were willing to go through the ceremony of marriage with foreign women of a certain character, so that the latter, when arrested, flourished a marriage certificate and claimed immunity from deportation. The authorities learned that for the past two years the gang had managed to get these women into England, "married" them to Englishmen—in many cases ex-convicts and criminals—and then installed them in luxurious West-end flats, for which as much as £20 a week was paid. One of the leaders of the gang has, however, fallen foul of the law, and for a long time to come the police will not be troubled by his activities.

For bigamously marrying two Frenchwomen, Louise Jeanne Heber and Berthe Aufray, at London register offices, Arthur King, 38, clerk, was, at the Old Bailey, sentenced to three years' penal servitude. Although King was only charged in respect of two offences, he is believed to have "married" no fewer than 10 women. He was also instrumental in getting some of them expensive flats in the West-end—Mr. Travers Humphreys, prosecuting, explained that prisoner was married in August, 1916, and the bigamous marriages were contracted within a month of each other in February and March last. The object of the marriages was to enable these women to pose as the wives of British subjects, so that if they were convicted and recommended for deportation they could produce their marriage certificates and escape being sent back to their own country. It was well known to the police that there was at present in London a gang of men living on these women and who had brought them from France and other countries for the purpose.

King had been paid a sum of money in each case to go through the form of marriage, and the women had actually obtained passports as British subjects. They were now, however, in France.—Det. Sgt. Beringer stated that he and Chief Inspector Savage had been engaged in examining the ramifications of the conspiracy, which was of an extensive character. In November, 1915, King was sentenced at Marlborough-street to six months' and three months' imprisonment respectively for embezzlement and larceny. At London Sessions he was sentenced to 24 months' hard labour for living upon the earnings of two women. The sentence was afterwards reduced to 18 months' hard labour by the Court of Criminal Appeal, the judge remarking that he was sorry prisoner's physical condition did not permit him to receive corporal punishment. King had been employed as valet, waiter, and cellerman, on one occasion obtaining a situation at a Holborn club by means of a false character. He had been concerned with other women, for one of whom he obtained a furnished flat at five and a half guineas a week. In another case he posed as the husband of a notorious Frenchwoman, for whom he obtained a flat at six and a half guineas a week, paying £50 in advance. At the last sessions of the Court a man was convicted of bigamously marrying a French woman, and he declared that he was induced to do so by King.

The latter was present at the "marriage," and signed the register as a witness. The officer added that the police were satisfied that King was one of the principal members of the gang.—Judge Atherley Jones, in passing sentence, declared that the offence struck at the very root of our marriage laws. It constituted a grave danger to the public and was a serious offence against the State.

The Vicar's Visits.
The Rev. J. H. White, vicar of St. Mary's, Tyndall's Park, Clifton, Bristol, addressing members of the Church of England Men's Society on parochial visiting said it would not be correct to receive him in anything short of the best room. "And though the eldest daughter may walk the street without a vestige of sleeve upon her arms, it would be shocking were her mother to be found with her own rolled up, engaged in honest toil. Where the company gathered round the fire is discussing the theatre or the Turf, there is no occasion, on the entry of the vicar, to switch on to hymn tunes or foreign missions. The clergy are apt to get rather overfed with these somewhat third-hand subjects. There should be no occasion, on the entry of a clergyman, to cover up the decanter with an antimacassar or to throw cards out of sight so as to appear deeply interested in a church family newspaper."

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CASHIER ROBBED OF WAGES.

HIGHWAYMEN'S COUP.

London, November 16.—Through-out yesterday the London police were investigating one of the most daring highway robberies committed in London for some time. The outrage occurred in Seagrave-road, one of the loneliest districts of Fulham, the victim being Mr. Stanley Barneschone, cashier, employed by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., who was carrying a satchel containing money intended for the payment of wages. At the time of the attack he was just leaving a taxicab in which he had travelled from Cadby Hall, Kensington, to a garage in Farm-lane, Waltham Green. The driver went to Seagrave-road, where the back entrance of the garage is situated, and found that the gate was closed. Suddenly two men—one with a handkerchief concealing the lower part of his face—stepped out of the darkness. One of them told the driver to put his hands up and flourished a revolver. With this he struck the cashier heavily on the head immediately after he stepped out of the cab. As Mr. Barneschone fell the money bag was snatched from his grasp. It was all over in a few moments, and the robbers had dashed off in the direction of Waltham Green Church before the driver realised what had happened.

A passer-by, who was not near enough to interfere, raised the alarm, and the cashier was conveyed to West London Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from a wound on the forehead and another over the eye. Yesterday morning he recovered consciousness and made a statement to the police. The masked man he declared, exclaimed, "Give me the money!" at the same time pointing the revolver. When he made as if to get away, the stranger pressed the trigger at point-blank range, but the weapon failed to go off. Mr. Barneschone then showed fight, whereupon the man turned the revolver round and hit him violently on the head with the butt end. A struggle ensued for the money, and although the man got some of it—£250 according to one account—the cashier retained several packets, which were found on him in hospital. It is feared that Mr. Barneschone may lose the sight of his left eye.

WAR ON RATS.
GREAT DESTRUCTION IN ONE WEEK.
London, November 9.—Casualties on an unprecedented scale have been inflicted since last Monday among the rat population of Great Britain.

The National Rat Week just closed was by far the biggest effort of the kind ever made, and the co-operation between local councils and farmers, millers, factory owners, hotel and restaurant proprietors, and householders was so extensive and enthusiastic that these controlling results on this occasion alone are greater than those of all the previous post-war efforts together.

It is estimated that thirty-five million baits were laid throughout the country, and the immensity of the destruction of the pest can be gauged from the fact that on the average 70 per cent of the baits were sound victims.

From the reports received, the week's war seems to have been particularly fortunate in that it coincided with the annual migration of the rodents from the fields to the barns, warehouses, and the buildings generally. The Army and Navy and the Office of Works took a big share in the scientific and co-ordinated campaign, and there can be few survivors among the "enemy" in military barracks, camps, and depots, at the naval dockyards or in the Government storehouses. Local authorities everywhere dealt with refuse dumps, sewage farms, sewers, and other places in their areas where rats congregate and breed.

The Ministry of Agriculture estimated that rats were last year directly responsible in Great Britain for the loss of at least £15,000,000 worth of foodstuffs and material, and in addition, directly or indirectly, for much other loss due to their acting as carriers of disease, while they are suspected of having been active agents in the spread of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle. One officer of the Ministry reckons that every dozen rats cost, in one way or another, about £5 per annum.

Mr. C. L. Claremont, formerly research chemist of the Rais Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and now Director of the Rodent and Insect Pest Destruction Society, told a Press representative that the "polution" most generally employed in the past week was red squill, which has the peculiar property of being very toxic to rats, but harmless to domestic animals.

AUDACIOUS COUP.

POSTMAN STEALS MAIL BAGS.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 16.—An extraordinarily audacious coup on the part of a London postman was described at the Old Bailey, where Albert William Henry Rickard, short and wiry, and aged 37, pleaded guilty to having stolen two mail bags, containing notes, bills, and cheques of the face value of £95,592. The theft was carefully planned by Rickard, who was employed as guard to the Lombard-street postal van. A month before the robbery he engaged a furnished room in Stamford-street, and here he took the bags after diverting the attention of the two delivery postmen with him. Frightened of the bills, cheques, and coupons, he burned these, retaining only £2,550 in bank and Treasury notes. Then, shaving off his moustache and changing his name, he went to the neighbourhood of Edgware-road. There he placed a parcel of the notes in the care of a barmaid whose acquaintance he had made. By a lucky accident Rickard was traced to Stamford-street, but it was nearly a month before he was run to earth. Only £413 was recovered of the £95,000, and Mr. Percival Clarke, prosecuting, suggested that a good part of the £2,550 in notes had been "planted" for future use. Rickard, who is married, entered the service of the Post Office in Jan. 1921. He had been a regular soldier, and had a good character. Prisoner was employed for some considerable time as guard to the Lombard-street delivery van. Vans are allotted by the City, and as the Lombard-street van served chiefly banks and financial houses, and carried huge sums of money, a guard was employed as an additional protection to the driver and two delivery postmen. At 7.30 a.m. on September 10, the van drew up as usual in Lombard-street, and the two delivery men, named Bunworth and Cox, proceeded to deliver the mail bags. Rickard had to stay and guard the van, and usually one of the other men would be present while the other was away. On this morning Rickard met Bunworth as he was coming towards the van with his trolley, and told him Cox had an extra heavy package, and that he wanted help. Unsuspecting, Bunworth went off to assist Cox. As soon as he had gone, Rickard slipped into the van and seized two green registered mail bags. Owing to police instructions, it would have been impossible for Rickard to have got out of Lombard-street with these bags showing, but he had calculated his needs, and had an ordinary mail bag ready. Into this he slipped the two green bags, and as a postman he went off without any trouble. When Bunworth returned, a few minutes later, he found to his astonishment that the guard and two mail bags had vanished. He at once informed the police. Rickard, meanwhile, had gone in all haste with his booty to a house in Stamford-street. He had been preparing his scheme for some little time, and on August 25 took a furnished bedroom at this address. He left his wife occasionally during the night, and on September 10, so that the landlady would know him. On arriving at his room, he locked the door and then proceeded to turn out the letters and examine the contents. In one bag, addressed to the Clydesdale Bank, were £5 Bank of England notes, value £1,000, and £1 and 10s Treasury notes worth £1,550. These he placed on one side. There were also cheques totalling £81,752; bills for £3,676, and coupons for £19. In the second bag, consigned to Messrs. Ruffels and Sons, of Lombard-street, were cheques only, these being of the face value of £759. Rickard was frightened of the cheques and bills, and these he piled together with the envelopes, and correspondence in his grate and burned the lot. Under his room was a barber's shop, and here he had his moustache shaved off. Returning to his apartment, he made the notes into a parcel, locked his door, and made his way to another room, he had taken off Edgware-road. Here he called himself Jack Jarvis. Two days later he became a customer at a public house in Connaught-street, Edgware-road. He became friendly with a barmaid, and on September 24, he asked her to take care of a parcel for him. Prisoner told her to keep it safe, as it contained money. She locked it up in a box until September 30, when Rickard asked for it back. He took out some notes and then returned it to her. Meanwhile, there was a great hue and cry in the C.P.O. for the missing postman. Fortunately the police were able to find out through one of Rickard's few friends that he

An Astonishing Lie.
There is no "getty" whatever from lock-jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when a man is bitten by a rat. The popular belief is a complete fallacy. In fact, the bite of a rat is not dangerous, and the only danger is from the disease, if a rat bite wounds a man, he should wash the wound with soap and water, and if the wound is deep, it should be treated with antiseptic. For more information, see "The Rat Problem" by the Ministry of Agriculture.

REDSKIN SACRIFICED.

GRUESOME STORY FROM VANCOUVER.

A message received at Vancouver from a trooper in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at far-away Telegraph Creek announces that, after trekking for a year through Northern British Columbia, he is returning to civilization with an aged Indian squaw and four accomplices who killed Atol Moassin, a young brave, by inches, because his sorcery brought the wrath of the evil spirits on his tribesmen.

Hunting a year ago, said the message, suddenly became very poor among the Indians of the northern wilderness. A long, cold winter followed, and starvation, disease, and death cut swaths in the ranks of the tribesmen.

The superstition of their religion taught the Indians that some one of their number, some sorcerer and maker of "bad medicine," whose witchcraft invoked the wrath of the evil spirits, had brought calamity on the tribe.

Suspicion fell on the youth Atol. The tribesmen, led by the aged squaw, invaded his shack at night, found him mumbling strange words over his wood fire, and laid hands on him.

They tied him to a sapling, head downward, and let him hang for days, slowly dying. The aged woman at length grew impatient that Atol died so slowly, according to the trooper's telegraphed account, and so she cut his throat with a hunting knife.

The story filtered through to the mounted police over the trails, from camp to camp and one of its members accordingly set forth to bring the slayers to justice.

had taken the room in Stamford-street. They went there and discovered the two empty green mail-bags and the ordinary bag, and saw the burnt remains of the cheques and bills and correspondence. They also learned that the fugitive had visited the barber and a careful watch was kept for him. At last, early in October, information reached them that he was visiting the public-house in Connaught-street. When he reappeared there police officers were waiting for him. They asked him if he were Rickard, but he stoutly denied it. "My name is Jack Jarvis," he asserted. "I am a professional backer of horses."

He was told he would be put up for identification, but he persisted in his denial. Then one detective remarked, "I shall fetch your brother to identify you." Accused saw that he was caught and replied, "Don't bring my brother to it. I am Rickard." He was searched and £17 in notes was found on him. Prisoner declared that was all that was left of the robbery, but the police ascertained that he had sent his wife £50. Of this she had spent £7 and the rest she gave up. They also learned of the parcel he had left with the barmaid and took possession of it. In it were 41 £1 notes and 624 10s. notes—£353 in all. Again Rickard insisted that this was all he had, but the police were not satisfied. From Brixton Prison he wrote on Oct. 15 that some "Jew boys" had robbed him of £300. Counsel explained that his statement could not be accepted. He could not have got rid of over £2,000 in such a short time, and the prosecution believed it had been put aside for future use. That Rickard used some of the money in betting was obvious, because a number of £5 notes which came back had been traced to book-makers at various racetracks where prisoner had been.—Mr. Percival Clarke suggested that sentence might be postponed to give Rickard an opportunity of disclosing where the money had gone. Det. Sgt. Sanders, who is attached to the Post Office, stated that so far accused had given no indication that he was willing to assist the police.—Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild: I don't like to adopt that course. It seems like bringing pressure. The Home Office can always reconsider a sentence if such assistance is given.—Counsel pointed out that Rickard had mentioned in his letter that he destroyed everything excepting the Treasury notes.—Rickard: I did not mean I had destroyed the bank notes. I said, when I was arrested, that I had lost them.—In passing sentence of five years' penal servitude, the Recorder remarked that the man had robbed the van he was paid to guard. The result of his crime was that he had made away with property valued over £95,000. That was not the actual loss, but it had caused endless trouble and confusion. Rickard had, however, had £2,550 in notes, of which only £413 had been recovered. He had in no way assisted the authorities, but had endeavoured to throw dust in their eyes.—When the sentence was passed, prisoner merely nodded. Behind the dock a woman fell to the floor in a faint.—She was carried into an adjoining waiting-room and a doctor called to her. It was some time before she had recovered sufficiently to leave.

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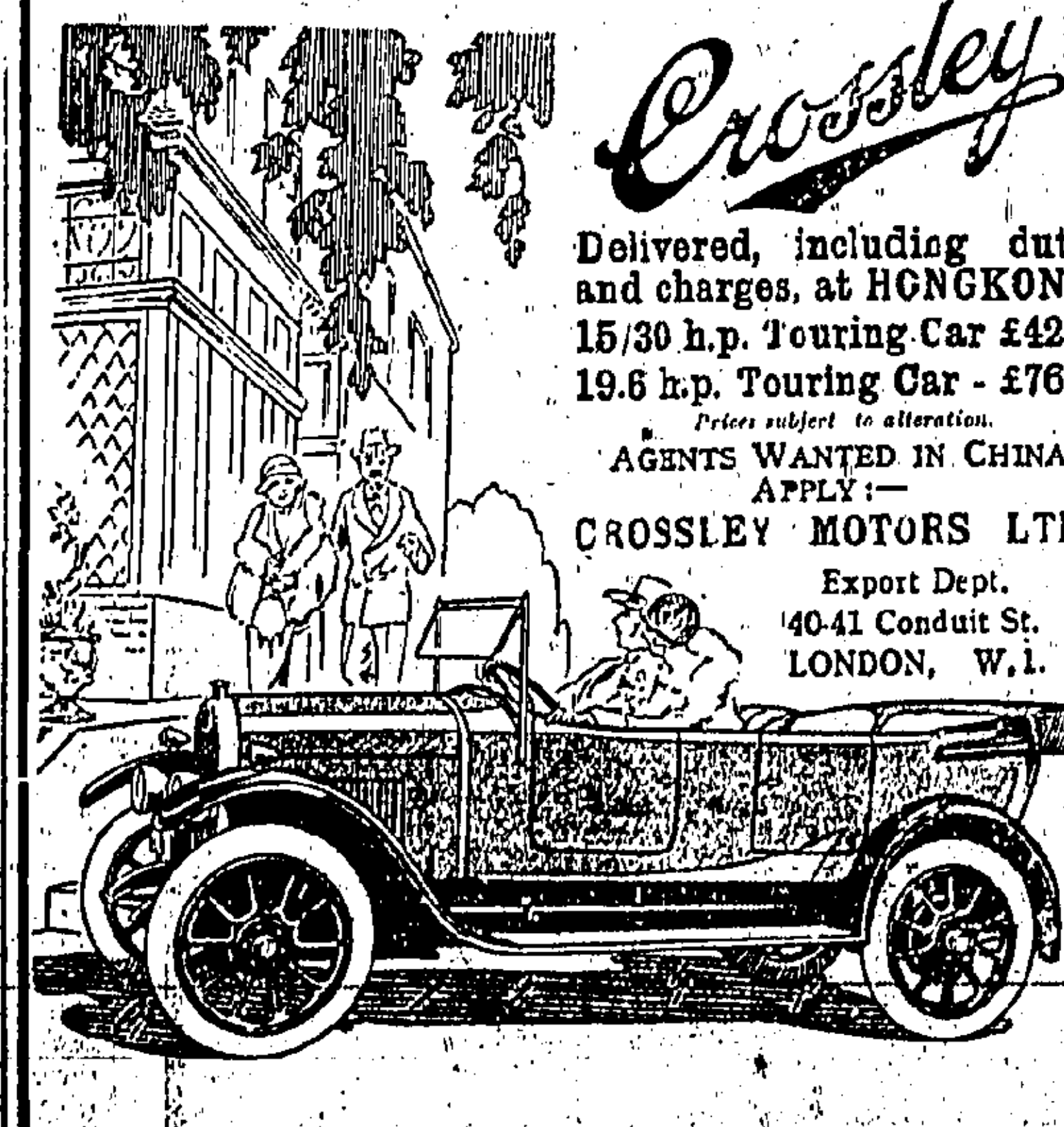
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[Published at 7/6 by T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., London, W.C.]

Oreana was the daughter of an escaped Australian convict and a Samoan girl of "teasing sweetness." After years of agony spent at a young ladies' seminary at Virginia where she had been sent by her adoring father whose ambition was to see her and her younger sister brought up as "real ladies," Oreana returned home to Pulo. The sweet delicate Southern girl had culled their niggers and had turned away with their hankies to their noses and in a fierce rebellion at life in general Oreana had thrown herself at the first eligible man who crossed her path.

As it happened it was Siebert who from the first had seemed old to her. "He was not handsome with his huge fleshy body and sunburned redness, big white teeth always showing in unconvincing cheerfulness; but he had a heartiness very like contempt for all people and this had satisfied her dislike of them; he drove his blacks and their overseers and this was like mastery, his groves grew in straight rows that climbed hills and down again, which was wealth."

And then Paulen came. It mattered little to her that her sister Nada was obviously much in love with him and that the match was desirable from every point of view. Oreana was as ready to have a hand reach up for her as a pear dead ripe. John Paulen was

a name given to her fancy when it was ravenously hungry. "She made reveries about him, began to fashion his face in her mind before she ever saw him; at times, as she walked, her little body sung in the thrilling play that this young stranger stood by and looked at her. She was determined to be loved and a certain physical fastidiousness was her nearest approach to caution." Less has saved many a girl's soul. More would not have saved Oreana's. A tropic girl, half uncivilized at birth and still nothing but a child, she was made for love.

And how did Paulen regard her? To him she was the most beautiful woman in the world and her action in giving herself to Siebert appeared to him to be a martyrdom. It was nothing to him that hers was purely a tropic bloom and that there was no warmth of feeling, no sweetness, aglow within her to soften the scratchings of the years which with a sentient, cruel eagerness would be after her prettiness.

And so matters drifted with meetings at the waterfall. It was a thin stream of water but it fell a long way, and the spray hovered there so that in the sunlight it was a mist of colours as if broken rainbows were hung all about truly a fascinating picture and the characters who passed before it present in their attitudes towards life in general and to each other in particular a psychological problem which the author has worked out in a manner which will hold the attention of any reader who picks up the book even though it be, but at first to glance at its pages. By far the most interesting study is that of Siebert—of whom the reader is kept in a continual state of surprise as to his real character. The book should have a large sale.

STEAMERS.

There is moonlight and sunlight, there are stars and the sea. Some days are gray and ribbed with the white trouble of the surf. Some are white days, full of a sparkle of sunlight like a spray above the water. On some days mountains that have been long lost rise out of the sea; at noon they are faint and far away; but with evening they draw in and cast anchor before the little cabin where you live. They are blue. Thus beauty, in her various fashion, smites with her rod the rock of your monotony, and water does indeed gush forth; you drink and are assuaged. But still you look to the sea; you have a glass at hand—it is a ship's glass—and it is not for beauty that you hunt with your glass; it is for excitement. You are hunting for the very heart and flaming core of excitement, and that is a steamer.

How shall I be telling of steamers to the dwellers in great harbour towns, where the loveliest ladies of the sea come and go without applause? Or to inlanders who never see a mast at all, unless it is the superstructure of an oil well? You whose house is on the Hudson, where a steamer is at anchor before your very door—it is eight bells; the hour was struck, and did you hear the bell? The signal stands in the engine-room at "Full Steam Ahead," and did you hear that drumming? A week she lay in the river; this morning she is gone; and are you therefore lonely in the world?

In the lost places of the earth a steamer is the great presence—she furnishes the empty seas. However, far out and dim, with her little plume of smoke, she leaves her wake in the heart. There are shores where from every white man's cabin her passing is followed with a sigh; speculation broods upon her all day long. Her ports, her flags, her cargo, her crew, seem a little while to live in the mind after she has gone down the slope of the world. She may be a poor, mean, unkempt cargo boat, dingy upon a bright sea, but she is the symbol of migration, and a winged flutter in the heart.

As for The Steamer, that is another matter. . . . And be sure that there is no steamer so mean, so obscure in her listed sailings, but is The Steamer to prisoners somewhere, behind a

barring of coconut palms, or a grating of ice. Be sure that she will put on airs once she has dropped behind her betters, and will go swelling into little empty harbours where there is only one saint written there. Before the anchor falls, white men are off to her between the breaches in the surf. The chain is hardly taut when the little canoes and the surf boats are alongside, and white men are running up the ladder. And suddenly, with the letting go of the anchor, in that great room of the sea and sky, or in that narrow river room with its forest wall, there are the agitations of traffic and of commerce. The winches fore and aft thrum and clamour; voices of white men and of black men rise from the water level and from the deck; cargo is slung off and on, dripping with the gill of palm oil and the dust of rice-bags or reeking of salt fish.

A day is all too short for what must be done with the barber and the steward and the purser and the chief and the captain of The Steamer. All the white men find a day too short. Night comes too soon; the steamer hangs upon the dark like a bouquet of fire works, arrested. The last load of cargo has gone over the side; the ship's launch has ceased to sob and sleeps in her berth on deck; the second officer has made his last bitter comments and has gone below to wash himself, and the time has come for the white men to go ashore. They hang over the railing calling to their little crews that are asleep; they negotiate the difficult descent into their boats—for the trade swell is about the ship now—and they go off into the rain.

There is this about The Steamer—she comes and she goes. You keep your best white ducks for her; you keep all your dates for her; you set your watch by her chronometer and your life by her schedule. Your letters home are full of her worship. But she has such sweethearts—in every port; the rush and enthusiasm of her advent is matched by the rush and enthusiasm of her exit; she carries her garland of lights away into the darkness, of her feather of smoke into the noon; she grows smaller and dimmer; her drums grow fainter, and once again in a silence and a void . . . you "can have no note unless the sun were post."—Jean Kenyon Mackenzie, in "African Clearings."

"THE STUDIO."

AN AID TO ART APPRECIATION.

[Published at 2/- net, 44, Leicester Square, London.]

Even though he may have a great yearning after things beautiful the man who goes to an exhibition of great paintings knowing little or nothing of art is conscious of an incapacity of true appreciation of the painters' inner meaning. It is magazines like "The Studio," the November number of which has reached us for review, that can supply this deficiency. In the most interesting manner possible it sketches the lives of artists particularly before the public eye at the moment, reproduces some of their paintings and reads into them, or gets experts on the work of that artist to read into them what the artist would that the observer should learn from him.

Could there be conceived a more beautiful way of bringing to the beginning of a truer appreciation of the work of Rodin than the following by Joyce Kilmer and the picture which accompanies it? "Sometimes an artist will penetrate the essence of a grief. It may well be that he cannot analyse it, or even present it, as a problem—he simply enters into it."

Rodin has done so in his bronze of the Prodigal Son. The familiar story, so beautiful even in the well-worn phrases of the Gospel, has been vitalised to such a degree that the solid material employed sinks into insignificance. It hardly seems to be there. The emotion of the artist has dissolved it into space. It is all emotion, the kneeling figure of the boy, naked, his head and arms thrown back in an attitude of desperation, with scarcely the muscular control to keep himself from falling.

It is not the figure of a penitent. It is that of a young boy, battered down by the sheer force of adverse circumstance. He is bruised, bleeding, stupefied—hurt as an animal is hurt without the knowledge that to some extent counteracts pain. There is no palliative here. The wreckage of a passionate but undeveloped nature is nearly complete, while the boy's experience of life is too narrow to yield him the saving sense of proportion, the realisation that all is not lost, nor even can be. That is the worst tragedy. "Every fall involves some pain. Pain is its natural consequence,

but no fall should involve, an uncomprehending pain like this. Instinctively, we feel that it is too much, that some eternal law has been violated, that the very nature of things has received a shock."

"Yet there is still something to redeem the desolation. There is one blurred image which remains to the dazed and tortured mind. Years of love and sympathy between two people never go for nothing. Sometimes they seem to fade, but they live on in the subconscious sphere and rise again, as it were, from the tomb. Now the son is thinking of one person only—the father. Not that he is certain of being taken back for the last wound to self-respect may be worse than the first. Nevertheless, he is going back impelled by a sure impulse."

"This sculpture is not quite true to the Gospel story, but it is true enough to life. The boy cannot make a 'good' confession and say that, he has 'sinned.' A formal statement is beyond him. The weary brain and parched, dry lips can only frame the one word, 'Father.' Perhaps it is not more than a whisper, but it is enough. Had it not been enough—but here thought seems to falter and imagination fails. Instead, what must have been the artist's intuition of the truth becomes our own. We feel a dawning sense of re-assurance, a newborn confidence in the father's love which relieves and re-interprets the emotions of despair."

LITERARY NOTES.

What Eden Phillpotts has done for Devonshire, by creating an outside interest in the rural life of the country, Edith Nepean is doing for North Wales generally and Carnarvonshire in particular. The first edition of her latest novel "The Valley of Desire" which was published a few days ago by Messrs. Stanley Paul has already sold out, and a second large printing is in active preparation. Mrs. Nepean is an artist as well as an author, and before she was nineteen several of her landscapes had been exhibited. Some years back she was a prize-winner at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales. She was born and educated at Llandudno.

One of the most interesting books announced for Autumn publication by Messrs. Stanley Paul is "The German Secret Service" by Colonel W. Nicolai, translated by George Renwick Special Corres-

pondent to the "Daily Chronicle." This is the first authoritative account of the German Spy System, a subject around which all kinds of extravagant stories have been embroidered. The author was chief of the German Intelligence Department during the War, so his revelations are likely to be both intimate and accurate.

So enthusiastic was the reception of Mr. Rafael Sabatini's "Life of Cesare Borgia" that Messrs. Stanley Paul feel justified in issuing a companion volume dealing with Cesare's father, Rodrigo Borgia, later Pope Alexander VI. His biographer, the Most Rev. Arnold H. Mathew, has a reputation for impartiality; and in "The Life and Times of Rodrigo Borgia" he gives a study at once interesting and erudite, which throws much light on the personality of a man who was in many respects an incarnation of evil. The volume will be published early this Autumn.

"Adolphe" by Benjamin Constant, newly translated, with an Introduction by J. Lewis May will be published immediately in Messrs. Stanley Paul's "International Library." It narrates under elaborate disguises the poignant and romantic story of the author's liaison with Madame de Staël.

Miss Nora K. Strange whose first novel "An Outpost Wobbling" received a good deal of praise from the critics, is bringing out her second book, this month, with Messrs. Stanley Paul. It is called "Latticed Windows," and in it the authoress describes the social life and forest scenery of Kenya Colony with a sureness of touch that could only come from the pen of one who both knows and loves that country.

COLUMBINES.

Late were we sleeping
Deep in the mold,
Clasping and keeping
Yesterday's gold—
Hoardings of sunshine,
Crimson and gold;
Dreaming of light till our dreams
became
Aureate bells and beakers of
flame.
Raindrop awoke us;
Zephyr bespoke us;
Chickadee called us;
Bobolink called us.
Then we came.
—Arthur Guiterman, in "The
Mirthful Lyre."

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"THE DEMI-VIRGINS."

A few months ago, Mr. Armand du Plessy gave to the world a photoplay daring in theme, startling in originality, intensely dramatic, entitled "The Bachelor Girl." It has gone down into motion pictures' history as one of the greatest screen productions of the last season.

Now Mr. Plessy has come along with "Demi-Virgins," a beautiful screen adaptation of Marcel Prevost's world known masterpiece. It shows the same daring, the same originality, the same evidence of deep thought, as his earlier production and there are such powerful dramatic factors that lift this picture on an even higher plane than his previous one.

As the title indicates the production is one of truly momentous timeliness. The great French author has drawn his story on a huge canvas of cyclonic emotions. His characters are real, flesh and blood, men and women, most of them moving in the swift set of the world's fastest and most furious metropolis.

The story depicts the whims and foibles, the moral laxity and the unbridled excesses of modern society, especially those who constitute "Le Grand Monde." It is told with all the smashing sincerity, all the lashing scorn and towering truth they deserve.

The producer goes far beyond the little group of interesting characters portrayed in the story. He makes of his subject a mighty human canvas upon which the picturization of present social conditions and morals is painted.

It is in no way an attack on womankind, as well as in no way a sermon. But in the very magnitude of the theme's treatment, it drives home a lesson the whole world will be better for having seen.

For the sheer magnificence of its scenic investiture this extraordinary photoplay caps the climax of the scene builder's art. The gorgeousness of its lavish settings and costuming excels by far many other great productions offered to the Hongkong public.

Francis Dhelia, who scored a distinct and signal success in "The Bachelor Girl" in the stellar rôle is the leading actress in

"Demi-Virgins" also. In addition to being a great and pronounced beauty, Mlle. Dhelia is an actress of unusual ability and her work in "Demi-Virgins" surpasses by far all her past achievements. As Maud de Rouvres in Demi-Virgins, Miss Dhelia is superb and throughout the entire picture she gives an exceptional performance. The star is supported by an exceptionally brilliant cast which included such well-known actors as Gaston Jacquet, Leonie Bozou and hundred others.

"THE MASK"

Jack Holt, Hedda Nova and little "Mickey Moore" are the stars who head an exceptionally fine cast in interpreting a most dramatic story of mystery. It is Holt's best picture. He played a dual personality with tremendous vigour and power. First he is a wealthy San Francisco business man on a trip to an African diamond mine. Then he plays the rôle of the scapegoat brother. Miss Nova, in the part of a woman who didn't know her husband, displays her skill in acting as a mother, wife and housewife. Mickey Moore, the little screen wonder, takes one of the leading parts with rare ability for a child. "The Mask" has been scheduled for three days' run at the World Theatre, commencing on Sunday, December 28, and cinema-goers are advised not to miss it.

A good example of harmonious picture production is in the "Lullaby," an F. O. B. attraction now at the World Theatre. The lullaby theme is carried throughout the presentation of the film, both by the orchestra and in the story itself. The picture, which is scheduled to remain for to-day only, is one of Miss Nova's best, and sets off the star to great advantage in settings, both vivid and drab. In the more sombre settings, Miss Nova's heavily beamed forth like a bright gem in a background of black, while in more luxurious surroundings, she is the crowning glory of the brilliant scene. As an actress who has few equals on the screen to-day, such is her skill and charming appeal.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**CRICKET.****H.K.C.C. START WELL**

AGAINST NAVY.

CENTURY BY LIVOCK.

The annual fixture between the H.K.C.C. and the Royal Navy commenced yesterday and will be continued to-day. When stumps were drawn last evening the Club were in a sound position. The feature of yesterday's play was the batting of Livock, whose 100 put all other scores in the shade. His partnership with Cantrell put an entirely different complexion on the game as they added over 60 for the sixth wicket.

H.K.C.C. 1st Innings.

R.E.A. Webster, c Jotham, b

Hogg 37

Rev. E. K. Quick, st Livock, b

Hogg 51

T. E. Pearce, c Cantrell, b Evans 34

G. R. More, c Evans, b Hogg 53

R. Hancock, c Hayter, b Hogg 15

H. Owen Hughes, b Hogg 22

A. E. Wood, c Jotham, b Cantrell 2

A. C. I. Bowker, b Cantrell 7

E. B. Reed, not out 8

W. Galloway, b Cantrell 15

F. N. Young, b Cantrell 5

Extras 23

Total 271

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Cantrell 20 2 62 4

Hargreaves 3 0 14 0

Evans 5 0 25 1

Hogg 17 3 75 5

Hayter 13 1 72 0

Navy 1st Innings.

Lt. Cmdr. Jotham, c Galloway, b

Bowker 4

Fit. Lieut. Livock, c Young, b

Reed 106

Lieut. Wauchoppe, b Bowker 28

Mid. Evans, c Reed, b Quick 1

Mid. Stephenson, b.w. Quick 0

Pay-Lt. Cmdr. Hargreaves, b

Quick 9

Lieut. Hayter, b Quick 16

Lt. Col. Cantrell, b Reed 16

Lt. Gush, not out 1

Lt. Nicholson not out 7

Extras 7

Total (for 8 wks.) 174

Pay-Lt. Hogg to bat.

K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The Kowloon Club members

were at home to a H.K.C.C. team

yesterday. The visitors batted

first and scored 143. Loyal capturing

7 wickets for 50. Thanks to a

fine effort of 112 by Ramsay,

the home side made 243 for 9

wickets. Scores:

H.K.C.C.—1ST INNINGS.

H.E. Hollands, c Lee, b Loyal 19

D. G. Nicholson, c Jex, b Loyal 18

H. M. Howell, c Jex, b Loyal 8

M. M. Watson, b Lee 4

G. H. Piercy, c Ramsay, b

Loyal 14

Stevenson, b Loyal 30

J. D. Crawford, c A. R. F.

Raven, b Gorvin 82

S. A. Arthur, c Lee, b Loyal 0

H. Spicer, b Loyal 4

J. P. Bridger, b Gorvin 6

W. Brackenridge, not out 0

Extras 16

Total 143

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

F. Goodwin 6 1 20 0

J. C. Loyal 19 2 50 1

G. Lee 4 0 25 1

R. C. Witchell 8 0 14 0

H. Overy 4 0 15 0

W. F. J. Gorvin 25 2 4 2

K.C.C.—1ST INNINGS.

A. W. Ramsey, retired 112

S. Jex, c Watson, b Piercy 4

R. C. Witchell, b.w. Howell 15

G. Lee, c Arthur, b Crawford 5

A. R. F. Raven, b Howell 28

J. C. Loyal, not out 55

F. Goodwin, c Stevenson, b

Arthur 14

O. B. Raven, c Crawford, b

Hollands 0

W. F. J. Gorvin, run out 0

W. J. Brown, st Watson, b

Arthur 0

Extras 10

Total (for 9 wks.) 243

H. Overy did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

H. M. Howell 13 0 61 2

G. H. Piercy 5 0 49 1

H. E. Hollands 7 0 54 1

J. D. Crawford 4 0 20 1

D. E. G. Nicholson 2 0 20 0

S. A. Arthur 35 0 16 2

J. P. Bridger 1 0 13 0

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These exalted ranks have hitherto not existed in Italy, and their creation therefore very warmly marks the nation's gratitude to its war leaders.

About a month ago a beautiful villa at Pallanza in Northern Italy was presented by ex-Servicio men to General Cadorna, and on that occasion the speeches reflected the general feeling of affection felt by the Italian public for the man who organised the Army for its colossal struggle and led it for the first two years.

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